

New MeSH for 2016: Concierge Medicine, Blogs, and Diplomacy Join the NLM Thesaurus

Every year, the National Library of Medicine (NLM) updates its list of Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)* to take into account new terminology or commonly-used phrases that have now officially entered the health care lexicon and may be described in the literature. Outdated terms are also retired. Galter librarians enjoy scanning the new MeSH list to see what NLM has decided is now worthy of inclusion. Here's a selection of the terms added for 2016.

Blogs (publication type)
Censorship, Research
Clinical Studies as a Topic
Clinical Study (publication type)
Concierge Medicine
Cloud Computing
Cold Injury
Compassion Fatigue
Culturally Appropriate Technology
Diet, Vegan
Diplomacy
Near Miss, Healthcare
Time Out, Healthcare
Vegans
Vegetarians

** MeSH is the National Library of Medicine's controlled vocabulary thesaurus. It consists of terms in a hierarchical structure that permits searching at various levels of specificity. Search queries in PubMed (and Ovid MEDLINE) use MeSH vocabulary to find items on a desired topic. MeSH terms can be assigned to items deposited into the Galter Health Sciences Library-maintained institutional repository, DigitalHub, for greater discoverability. MeSH on Demand is a new tool that can automatically identify relevant MeSH terms from text such as an abstract or grant summary.*

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