

New MeSH for 2017: Buttermilk, Chocolate, and Vaping 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 Outdated terms are also retired.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 2017.

- Alert Fatigue, Health Personnel
- Anti-Vaccination Movement
- Apartheid
- Bathroom Equipment
- Brain Injuries, Traumatic
- Bunion
- Buttermilk
- Cellulite
- Chocolate
- Fitness Trackers
- Medically Unexplained Symptoms
- Perfectionism
- Sexual Minorities
- Sleep Hygiene
- Vaping

* *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 also be assigned to items deposited into the Galter Health Sciences Library-maintained institutional repository, [DigitalHub](#), for greater discoverability.

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