

# BMJ Journals Newsletter

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Welcome to the April issue of the BMJ Journals newsletter. This issue includes details of

- new online features: Online First and Extended PDFs
- new and free online resources – bmjupdates+ and Best Treatments
- the NESLi2 offer and more.

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## Online First

Online First allows the publication of selected articles that have been peer reviewed and accepted for publication but have not yet appeared in the paper journal. Unedited manuscripts are published as downloadable pdf files approximately 2 weeks after final acceptance.

This feature is currently available on: Annals of Rheumatic Diseases, Archives of Disease in Childhood, British Journal of Ophthalmology, Heart, Journal of Medical Genetics, Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry and Thorax.

To view Online First papers visit the above journals websites via [bmjjournals.com](http://bmjjournals.com).

## Journal of Medical Genetics Unlocked

This year the *Journal of Medical Genetics* will experiment with open access. This will take two forms:

1. During 2005, up to 20 papers from the UK will be published as open access articles at no cost to the authors; suitable papers accepted will be randomised to "open access" or "closed access". This has been made possible by financial support from the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC), a joint body of the Further and Higher Education Funding Councils of the UK. More information about JISC and its commitment to funding "an Open Access Initiative" can be found on its website: <http://www.jisc.ac.uk>.

2. Authors from countries other than the UK will be able to choose to pay a publication fee (£1200 (\$2300)) to make their article freely available to all. If they decline, the article will remain behind access controls until it is 12 months old, but will be free thereafter as is our usual practice.

Do note however that although any open access article is free for research and personal use, our reuse policy remains unchanged.

Full details of this policy can be found on our website at <http://jmg.bmjournals.com/misc/iflora/licence.shtml>

## bmjupdates+

### A new and free alerting service for health professionals

The BMJ Publishing Group and McMaster University's Health Information Research Unit have teamed up to provide health professionals with access to current best evidence from research, tailored to their own health care interests, and to support evidence-based clinical decisions.

This service is unique: all citations (from over 110 premier clinical journals) are pre-rated for quality by research staff, then rated for clinical relevance and interest by at least 3 members of a worldwide panel of practicing physicians.

#### bmjupdates+ offers:

- **Email alerts** about new evidence, tailored and adjustable to time demands.
- Access to a **cumulative searchable bibliographic database** of the alerts that is continuously updated (from 2002)
- Links to selected **evidence-Based resources**

**For more information and to register, visit [www.bmjupdates.com](http://www.bmjupdates.com)**

## Best Treatments

Best Treatments is a website that helps patients find out which treatments are effective. It's based on the best available research evidence, and written in language that patients can understand. The information in Best Treatments comes from *Clinical Evidence* and is created with patients to make sure their questions and concerns are answered.

Best Treatments will help patients understand the benefits and risks of treatments, choose whether to have an operation or test, and make more informed decisions with their doctor.

It will help doctors provide their patients with a trusted source of information and talk to their patients.

Our research shows that both patients and doctors trust Best Treatments and can use it to help them with treatment choices.

"It gives you a little more authority when you talk to your doctor" (Patient)

"I would recommend this site to patients...It's up-to-date, informative, was easy to get at...and it was presented in a way most patients could understand." (Doctor)

Access to Best Treatments is free in the UK visit [www.besttreatments.co.uk](http://www.besttreatments.co.uk).

Medical libraries outside the UK can have free access on a one month trial basis. For more information on rates and how to access please contact Natalie Somekh at [nsomekh@bmjgroup.com](mailto:nsomekh@bmjgroup.com) or call +44 (0)20 7383 6027.

## Extended PDFs

Extended PDFs are now available across all BMJ Journals including Online First articles. Unlike the original PDF versions which were flat copies of the printed article the extended PDFs offer: extra functions, active links and extra material such as tables or videos which may not appear in the print version.

All new PDFs are branded with the journal title so the source is easily identified when an individual prints the article.

## Medical Libraries Association Conference

If you are attending the Medical Libraries Association conference in San Antonio next month please visit us on booth number 347 where we will be happy to demonstrate our online products.

Why not join us for breakfast and a seminar on making the most of Clinical Evidence and Best Treatments. The sunrise seminar is on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 7am-8.15am at the Marriot Rivercenter in Grand Ballroom Salon K.

## The NESLi2 Offer

BMJ Publishing Group has agreed to special NESLi2 price for UK institutions to the BMJ Journals Online Collection. The collection includes 22 specialist medical titles. The offer is open to existing and new customers. For a list of journals included please visit the Library Resource Centre on [www.bmjournals.com/lrc](http://www.bmjournals.com/lrc).

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We hope you have found this newsletter valuable. If you have comments or would like further information on any of the items included please use the feedback button on the Library Resource Centre.

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