



Librarian newsletter

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2007 Subscription Rates are now available

Our 2007 subscription rates have now been published on the Library Resource Centre at www.bmjournals.com/lrc. Prices have increased by an average of 6%.

Our pricing structure has changed slightly for online subscriptions to the BMJ Journals and Clinical Evidence. We now have the following pricing tiers for institutional customers:

- Small 1-400 relevant FTEs
- Medium 401-1,500 relevant FTEs
- Large 1,501-3,000 relevant FTEs
- Over 3,001 relevant FTEs - pricing on application please email us at consortiasales@bmjgroup.com for a quotation

Increased impact factors for BMJ Journals

We are pleased to announce that the majority of our journals have seen their ISI impact factor increase this year. Overall across all 23 journals the average impact factor increase is 15%.

In particular **BMJ** has increased its impact factor by 29% from 7.038 to 9.052.

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases has gone from 3.916 to 6.956 and moved two places in the ISI ranking to 2 in the rheumatology category. **Thorax** impact factor raised from 5.04 to 6.15. It remains in second place in the respiratory systems category. **Gut** now has an impact factor of 7.692 up from 6.601 and it is now ranked 3rd in its category.

The following [BMJ Journals](#) have also increased their ISI impact factors this year:

- Archives of Disease in Childhood
- British Journal of Ophthalmology
- British Journal of Sports Medicine
- Heart
- Injury Prevention
- Emergency Medicine Journal
- Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health
- Journal of Medical Genetics
- Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry
- Occupational & Environmental Medicine
- Postgraduate Medical Journal
- Sexually Transmitted Infections

New online user guides

We now have new user guides in stock for BMJ Journals (including BMJ) and also for Clinical Evidence. To order printed copies or either user guide please contact us at jhalfacre@bmjgroup.com. Alternatively, you may download the user guides from the Training Tips section of the Library Resource Centre.

Changes to Clinical Evidence

[Clinical Evidence](#) is the international source of the best available evidence for effective health care. It now summarises more than 200 conditions and over 2,000 treatments.

- **Clinical Evidence full print edition to discontinue**

After conducting research and listening to candid feedback from our users a decision has been taken to discontinue publishing the full text print version of Clinical Evidence. Over the last few years our product focus has been towards more flexible digital content. It is easier for users to search and access the latest evidence at the point of care and the digital platform has no space constraints. The full version of Clinical Evidence will now only be available online and a concise version is also published in print twice a year.

Issue 15 (published June 2006) is the last full print edition.

If your institution is currently subscribing to the Full Print version you will be contacted by our Customer Services department.

- **New institutional pricing structure**

The pricing structure has changed to include pricing tiers: Small 1-400 relevant FTEs, Medium 401-1500 relevant FTEs, Large 1501-3000 FTEs and Extra Large 3001+.

- **Improvements for users include:**

Improved key messages and topic summaries to be rolled out over the next few months.
Expert comment on the clinical relevance of findings as well as the quality of strength of the evidence.
RSS Feed.
Chapters to report results by the clinical outcome as well as by comparison e.g. how a particular treatment affects fracture rates.

If your institution is interested in a free trial or quotation for Clinical Evidence please contact us at consortiasales@bmjgroup.com.

BMJ Learning - now available for institutions



[BMJ Learning](#) was made available for institutions to purchase in February 2006. Many institutions have purchased BMJ Learning (including NHS Scotland) and are finding it a valuable learning tool.

Find out how users at your institution can benefit - contact us for a 30 day free trial and a quote for your institution. Email consortiasales@bmjgroup.com or call us on +44 (0)207 383 6438.

Introduce your new doctors to the BMJ Learning Foundation Programme

NEW

The BMJ Learning Foundation Programme is a new and unique online resource for junior doctors. It will offer a range of support services to Foundation Year doctors. The site will cover what is on the curriculum and syllabus, enable junior doctors to plan and record their learning, access all the forms needed for their reviews and assessments. A range of multimedia and interactive learning modules will be available.

This service will launch in early August and junior doctors may register for FREE at www.bmjlearning.com/foundation.

If your institution is planning inductions for new junior doctors it may be useful to download and print the BMJ Learning Foundation Programme pdf for inclusion in their library induction pack.

Unlocked and institutional repositories - BMJ Journals

- **Unlocked - new open choice option**

An open choice option called Unlocked will be available from January 2007 to authors who will have the option of paying a fee to make their papers freely available online at the time of publication. The fees will be £1,700 for Archives of Disease in Childhood, Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases, Heart, Gut, Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry and Thorax. Fees for other journals will be £1,200.

- **Institutional Repositories**

Our policy for institutional repositories is that authors are permitted to deposit the author version of the accepted manuscript on their institution's or a subject based repository immediately on acceptance but there is a 6 month embargo from the date of the print publication on making it free to all (ie, they can make their manuscript free 6 months from the date of the print publication).

The above two items do not apply to BMJ where all original research is free to access for all.

News from BMJ

- [Richard Lehman's blog](#) is a popular new feature on bmj.com. It is a General Practitioner's lighthearted weekly review of JAMA, the Lancet, New England Journal of Medicine and BMJ.
- UK Health News will no longer be published on bmj.com and we will no longer be sending our daily UK Health News emails. However this information can still be found by registering at presswatch.com/health.
- Are any library users thinking of submitting their research papers to BMJ? If so, they may find it useful to have the opportunity to speak to a BMJ editor face to face. We are attending a number of [medical conferences worldwide](#) where our editors will represent BMJ on the stand. If your library users are attending any of these conferences and would like to meet with a BMJ editor please ask them to email Alex Barr at abarr@bmjgroup.com to book an appointment.

Library Conferences

BMJ Publishing Group are exhibiting at a number of library conferences this year. If you are also attending we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and show you our wide range of online products for medical and healthcare professionals.

In August and September we will be exhibiting at the following conferences:

World Library and Information Congress 2006 (72nd IFLA General Congress)

20-24 August - Seoul, Korea - stand number 88

Beijing Bookfair

30 August-1 September - Beijing, China- stand number (i Group to confirm)

10th European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries

11-16 September - Cluj, Romania - stand number 2

For a list of conferences we are attending in 2006 please check our [exhibitions calendar](#) at the Library Resource Centre.

New BMJ Masterclasses for the autumn

Having successfully completed our first pilot series of BMJ Masterclasses in cardiology and respiratory medicine in spring this year, the BMJ Publishing Group is rolling out the next specialist series in paediatrics this autumn as well as introducing two new series for GPs: general update and cardiology & diabetes. And more to come in 2007. We are pleased to invite you to inform your colleagues about the exciting line up of BMJ Masterclasses. For more information please visit www.bmjmasterclasses.com.

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