

# COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

## CLASSIFICATION: R (MEDICINE)

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**General Purpose:** To provide support for the basic sciences and engineering sciences curricula with academic majors in Biology, Chemistry and Engineering. To support general medical research needs of the Department of Defense Medical Review Board (DODMERB). To support some of the research activities of the Physical Education department. To support recreational information needs of students and faculty.

**Collection Level Intensity:** General support.

**Geographical Areas:** No restrictions, emphasis on United States publications.

**Chronological Periods:** No restrictions, emphasis on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century publications.

**Types of Material Collected:** Monographs, serials, treatises, government documents, report literature, bibliographies, indices, abstracts, directories, handbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, and sourcebooks. Electronic sources include online databases, CD-ROMs, and evaluated Internet web sites.

**Types of Material Excluded:** Audiovisual items and lab manuals.

**Other Factors:** Materials on drug abuse may appear in R classes as well as HV. Pollution materials may appear in RA or TD classes. Chemical and biological warfare items are usually in UG rather than RA. There is some overlap in coverage between RA, RC, and GV classes.

A separate Hospital Library is maintained for medical professionals. Cadets and faculty have access to those resources.

**Subjects and Collecting Levels:** The areas of Medicine are:

R	1-130	Medicine (General)
	131-722	History of Medicine
	723-726	Medical Ethics, Philosophy
	727-854	Medical Education, Personnel & the Public
	856-858	Biomedical Engineering
	895-905	Medical Physics
	RA	1-418
421-645		Public Health
646-648		Chemical and Biological Warfare
773-790		Personal Health & Hygiene
791-998		Medical Geography, Medical Centers
	1001-1270	Forensic Medicine, Toxicology

RB		Pathology
RC	1-103	Internal Medicine (General)
	110-216	Infections and parasitic Diseases
	254-282	Neoplasms (Cancer)
	581-969	Specialties of Internal Medicine
	970-1015	Military Medicine
	1030-1096	Aviation and Space Medicine
	1200-1245	Sports Medicine
RD		Surgery
RE		Ophthalmology
RF		Otorhinolaryngology
RG		Gynecology and Obstetrics
RJ		Pediatrics
RK		Dentistry
RM	1-298	Therapeutics, Pharmacology (General)
	300-666	Drugs and Their Actions
	695-931	Physical Medicine, Physical Therapy
RS		Pharmacy
RT		Nursing
RV		Botanic, Thomsonian, and Eclectic medicine
RX		Homeopathy
RZ		Other Systems of Medicine
Z	6658-6676	Bibliography, Medicine (General)

Materials for most of these classes comprise a highly selective collection which serves to introduce and define the subject and indicate the varieties of information available elsewhere. With the possible exception of material for DODMERB, few selections are made beyond fundamental reference works and basic monographs.

Higher emphasis is placed on R, RA, RC, and RM classes with broader selections of materials available. Of particular interest are the areas of Health and Fitness in RA and Sports Medicine in RC. Additionally, the topic of Aviation and Space Medicine, located in TLC is collected comprehensively. Included are specialized monographs, textbooks, dictionaries, encyclopedias, selected editions of important works, historical surveys, bibliographies, indices, and major general periodicals. Most periodicals purchased by and to support the Hospital Library are ultimately housed in the Cadet Library, thus increasing the range of periodicals available to students and faculty. Materials are generally English language only.

**Weeding Criteria:** Materials may be withdrawn from the collection based on the following criteria:

Age: Superseded by newer editions, ephemeral material (textbooks older than 10 years).

Usage: Multiple copies with little/no use.

Physical condition: Missing pages, text unreadable (water damage, foxing, etc.), poor quality paper, or other factors that preclude rebinding.

Level of Treatment: Too superficial for undergraduate study; newer materials provide better/expanded explanations of complex subjects, clearer text styles, better illustrations; too advanced for undergraduate study; and not relevant to faculty research.

Candidates for weeding will typically be compared with published lists of landmark works before being withdrawn.

BIOLOGY Courses and subjects supported include Health, Biomechanics, Aerospace Physiology, Biology and Space Exploration, Cell and Molecular Biology, Genetic Engineering, Microbiology, Human Physiology and Anatomy, and Genetics

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