Collaboration and Innovation: NNLM’s Nationwide Online Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon
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WHERE WE ARE

Formed Cross-Regional Planning Group

New England Region
Southeastern Atlantic Region
Pacific Northwest Region
National DOCline Coordination Office
South Central Region
National Network Coordination Office
MidContinental Region
New England Region
Middle Atlantic Region
Project Overview - Online Wikipedia Edit-a-thon
April 17, 2018 from 9am-9pm EST

National Library of Medicine Strategic Plan 2017–2027
“reach more people in more ways through enhanced dissemination and engagement pathways.”

Project Objectives:
- Improve the use of NLM resources
- Engage NNLM members
- Utilize librarian research skills
- Make Wikipedia a better, evidence-based resource

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Process - 5 steps

1. Research - Talked to the Wikipedia Medical Community about their needs
2. Picked a topic
   Rare Diseases
3. Find Reliable Information
   - NLM tools
   - PubMed
   - Genetics Home Reference
   - Medline Plus
   - GARD
4. Train

NNLM Wikipedia Edit-a-thon Training, March 29, 2018

- 1 hour webinar
- Dr. James Heilman, Physician and active WikiProject editor 67 attended, recorded video watched 169 times
1. Click edit

2. Insert Citation

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**Endometriosis**

Endometriosis is a condition in which tissue similar to the lining of the uterus grows in other parts of the body. The cause of endometriosis is unknown, but it is believed that it may be related to the menstrual cycle. The disease is characterized by the presence of endometriotic lesions, which are areas of endometrial tissue outside the uterus. Endometriosis is a common disorder affecting women of reproductive age and can cause chronic pelvic pain, dysmenorrhea, and infertility. It is estimated that 10% of women of reproductive age have endometriosis. The treatment options for endometriosis include medications, surgery, and lifestyle changes. The goal of treatment is to relieve pain, improve fertility, and prevent complications. The long-term outcomes of endometriosis are variable, and the disease may recur after treatment. Endometriosis is a complex disease with multiple factors contributing to its development and progression. Research is ongoing to better understand the mechanisms underlying endometriosis and to develop more effective treatments. Endometriosis is a chronic disease that requires ongoing management. It is important for patients to work closely with their healthcare providers to develop a personalized treatment plan that meets their needs and goals. For more information, please visit the website of the Endometriosis Foundation of America (EFA) at http://www.endo.org.
Evaluation and Lessons Learned

- Statistics from the dashboard (*captured only registrants - not all editors added #citenlm2018 in edit summary or registered)
- Twitter feed showed some user engagement
- Fewer than expected joined live WebEx sessions
- Participants mainly from library community, reflecting marketing
- Helpful to have two hosts at a time
Future Plans

November 7, 2018
10AM-8PM EST

Focus on Women's Health Resources Including:

- MedlinePlus Women's Health
- LactMed
- ToxTown Reproductive Health
- CDC Women's Health Initiatives
- ...and many more!

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Fall 2018 NNLM Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon Trainings

10/3: Introduction to the NNLM Edit-a-thon and WikiProject Medicine

10/17: Editing Wikipedia Articles

10/31: Women’s Health Resources

Every other Wednesday in October
2-2:30 PM EST
All sessions recorded and available
Future Plans?

Are you interested in improving the consumer health information available on Wikipedia?

Do you want to utilize your research skills towards making Wikipedia a better, evidence-based resource?

Have you always wanted to participate in an edit-a-thon?

Join the National Network of Libraries of Medicine on November 7th as we add citations to existing Wikipedia articles on women's health!
Questions?

Thank you!

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