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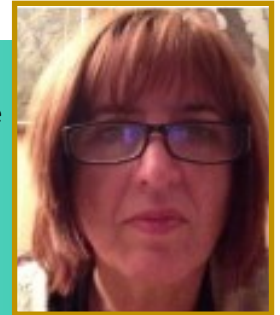
Your Oxford Health Libraries monthly newsletter

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Hello, my name is Sarah Maddock

It is becoming clearer than ever that working together is vital in many circumstances, not least for our future survival. The recent launch of the [Green Libraries Manifesto](#) demonstrates the desire for libraries “to come together towards a shared vision: to lead by example through our own environmental actions and use our power and reach to inform and inspire people to take positive action and build resilience in the diverse communities we serve”. This is just one example of how libraries in all sectors constantly seek to work collaboratively to deliver a wide range of services and support to users within their remit as well as the wider



society.

In the NHS, librarians consistently use their established networks to share professional expertise and knowledge. This means that wherever they are based, support is at hand to ensure the best possible service is provided for the benefit of NHS staff and patients. Throughout the pandemic, NHS Libraries continued to work to deliver services, endowing clinicians and non-clinicians with evidence and knowledge to support best practice.

July has been a busy month! A particular highlight was participating in Health Information Week from 6th to 10th July. Health Information Week is a national campaign that promotes the use of high-quality information for patients and the public. We published several lists of resources throughout the week on [Long Covid](#), and [Media Literacy](#); and received a collection of titles on the theme of ‘[Your Health](#)’ provided for all NHS Libraries by HEE. Our Twitter posts [@OHFTlib](#) received many ‘likes’ and we gained enthused new followers.

Finally, it is safe to say that we are all struggling to keep cool during this very hot and dry month, which is why we are fortunate to be able to call on the wisdom of colleagues from around the world. Here are just a couple of tips for making things a little more comfortable:

Keeping cool at night: Put a wet blanket on your bed and turn your fan on. Don’t put the fan directly towards you but facing the wall so the air reflects and refreshes the whole room.

Salpicon Style Salad (from Mexico): Ingredients: 500-800g beef skirt cooked and shredded; 350g boiled rice; 100g onion, finely chopped; 50g coriander, finely chopped; juice of one lime or lemon. A pinch of salt. **Method:** Mix all together and serve as a salad; Optional - add 1 sliced avocado and 2 chopped tomatoes

In this issue, **Tiziana Fiorito**, Assistant Librarian writes about the role of our Senior Library Assistants; **Bertha Calles Cartas**, Outreach Librarian, explore the national point of care tool, [BMJ Best Practice](#), freely available to all NHS Staff and Students via OpenAthens.



Senior Library Assistants

Tiziana Fiorito
Assistant Librarian

I was in Norwich after the Central Library was destroyed by a fire, and before the Millennium Library was built. Satellite libraries had mushroomed, mostly in utilitarian environments, and one day, as I was waiting, I observed a library staff’s interaction with a reader: focused on the man’s words, the library assistant listened carefully; then rephrased his words and asked a few questions. She was finding out what her interlocutor needed, through what, I later found out, is called a “reference interview” – or, as Sarah Maddock puts it, “having a conversation”. And this is what library assistants do, among many other things: they help find answers to enquiries; often not directly, but by matching the right member of staff with the request in hand.

Tom, our new Senior Library Assistant, is adept at supporting library members; in fact, he brings experience and skills accumulated by working in the city’s libraries. And now he is busy learning everyone’s name and role; a new library system and many databases that he will have to interrogate and manipulate in order to join new members, reply to requests for a book, an article, or a paper presented during a conference. He is getting to know processes and routines that ensure the library functions well: keeping an eye on supplies; acquainting himself with the foibles of printers, shredders, and phones - thus readying himself for requests for help from colleagues and library users.

If you have a question or a request, contact us at

library.enquiries@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk - and you are likely to hear back from Tom.



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BMJ BestPractice, time saving tool

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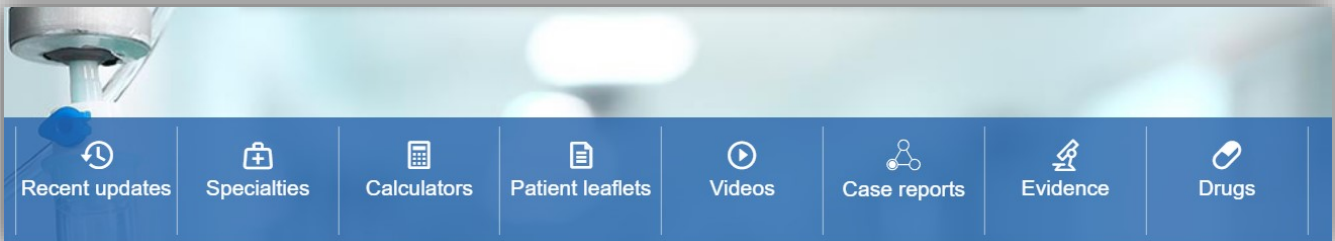


BMJ Best Practice is a clinical decision support tool, nationally procured and available for you to use on the go, via Oxford Health Libraries service.

Users can search for conditions or symptoms using the search box and by 30 specialties including psychiatry and neurology or by recent updates, specialties, alphabetical list of clinical assessments and emergency assessments. The sophisticated search box allows you to search in over 100 different languages on a range of conditions. The search results are highly structured to follow the path of a patient consultation, with practice changing updates clearly highlighted. The search results summary page provides an overview of key information, the differentials table is clearly laid out to help you make a rapid diagnosis, and the treatment algorithms provide step by step treatment options for different patient groups.

over 250 medical calculators, near 400 patient information leaflets, videos, case reports and drugs, which is linked to the BNF and BNF for children. The evidence section has Evidence-Based Medicine Toolkits and tables, which makes BMJ Best Practice a great tool to continue your professional development. All the time spent reading topics and finding clinical answers on BMJ Best Practice is automatically logged and converted into CME/CPD credits.

BMJ Best Practice is updated daily, and at the time of writing, there is an entry on multi-country monkeypox outbreak (2022) This useful tool "rethinks decision-support information with a step-by-step approach that is structured around the patient consultation, covering diagnosis, prognosis, treatment and prevention". Conditions contain information by overview, theory, diagnosis, management, follow up and resources, which contains over 600 clinical guidelines.



How to access BMJBest Practice

You need an [OpenAthens account](#) and access it via the [Oxford Health Library and Knowledge Hub](#), the [GP Library and Knowledge Hub](#) or [NICE MyAthens page](#).

BMJ Best Practice is also available as an app both online and offline and can be accessed once you set up a personal account. Use these details to log in in your mobile device. Download the app in your mobile device. When you log in for the first time in your device, the content will download.

You can access all the information you need on the go. You can use it during clinical meetings, print and handout patient information when needed and log your learning and CME/CPD points automatically.

Further guidance on how to access BMJ Best Practice, including how to access via the app is available [here](#).

If you need any further information, contact us library.enquiries@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk.

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