

Medical Informatics in Context

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Abstract

- Medical informatics can be defined as "the application of information science and information technology to the theoretical and practical problems of biomedical research, clinical practice, and medical education."
- An increasing numbers of knowledge workers are involved in medical informatics-related programs and activities.
- This talk will provide an overview of the field of medical informatics and show how it "fits in" with other information fields.

Many different terms are now in use!

- Medical Informatics
- Biomedical Informatics
 - These two are synonymous
- Bioinformatics
 - This one is different
- Health Informatics
 - This is the newest term

Medical Informatics Definition #1

The field concerned with the cognitive, information processing, and communication tasks of medical practice, education, and research, including the information science and technology to support these tasks...it is both a science and a technology.

from Shortliffe's textbook

Medical Informatics Definition #2

An interdisciplinary field that combines medical science with several technologies and disciplines in the information and computer sciences [and one which] provides methodologies by which these fields can contribute to better use of the medical knowledge base and ultimately to better medical care...

American Association of Medical Colleges

Medical Informatics Definition #3

Medical informatics has to do with all aspects of understanding and promoting the effective organization, analysis, management, and use of information in health care. While the field of medical informatics shares the general scope of these interests with some other health care specialties and disciplines, medical informatics has developed its own areas of emphasis and approaches that have set it apart from other disciplines and specialties.

American Medical Informatics Association

Medical Informatics Definition # 4

Applications of advanced computer and communications technologies to health care, and specifically to information in health care...

Ellen Detlefsen's working definition

MeSH® defines medical informatics as

- “The field of information science concerned with the analysis and dissemination of medical data through the application of computers to various aspects of health care and medicine.”
- Year introduced: 1987

MI developed as an academic field in the late 1960s and early 1970s....

- Work on the practical issues of clinical documentation, information systems, and technology in which computers had been introduced to increase productivity of medical processes
- Work on medical knowledge representation and language understanding, including artificial intelligence consultation and decision support systems
- Work on terminologies, coding, medical records, and indexing for Medline, exemplified in the Unified Medical Language System and related research.

• Maojo V, Kulikowski CA. Bioinformatics and medical informatics: collaborations on the road to genomic medicine? *J Am Med Inform Assoc.* 2003 Nov-Dec;10(6):515-22.

The first generation...

- many MI pioneers arrived to the field by chance, because they were interested in informational needs in clinical settings, complemented by colleagues from linguistics, mathematics, computer science, L/IS, engineering, and other disciplines.

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- *Pathology* informatics
- *Radiology* informatics
- *Psychiatry* informatics
- *Primary care* informatics
- *Surgical* informatics
- *Veterinary* informatics
- *Consumer* informatics
- Telemedicine
 - *Can be documented with journal articles and professional SIGs*

What is Bioinformatics?

- Bioinformatics is concerned with the creation and development of advanced information and computational technologies to solve problems in biology.
 - Bioinformatics uses techniques from informatics, statistics, molecular biology and high-performance computing to obtain information about genomic or protein sequence data.

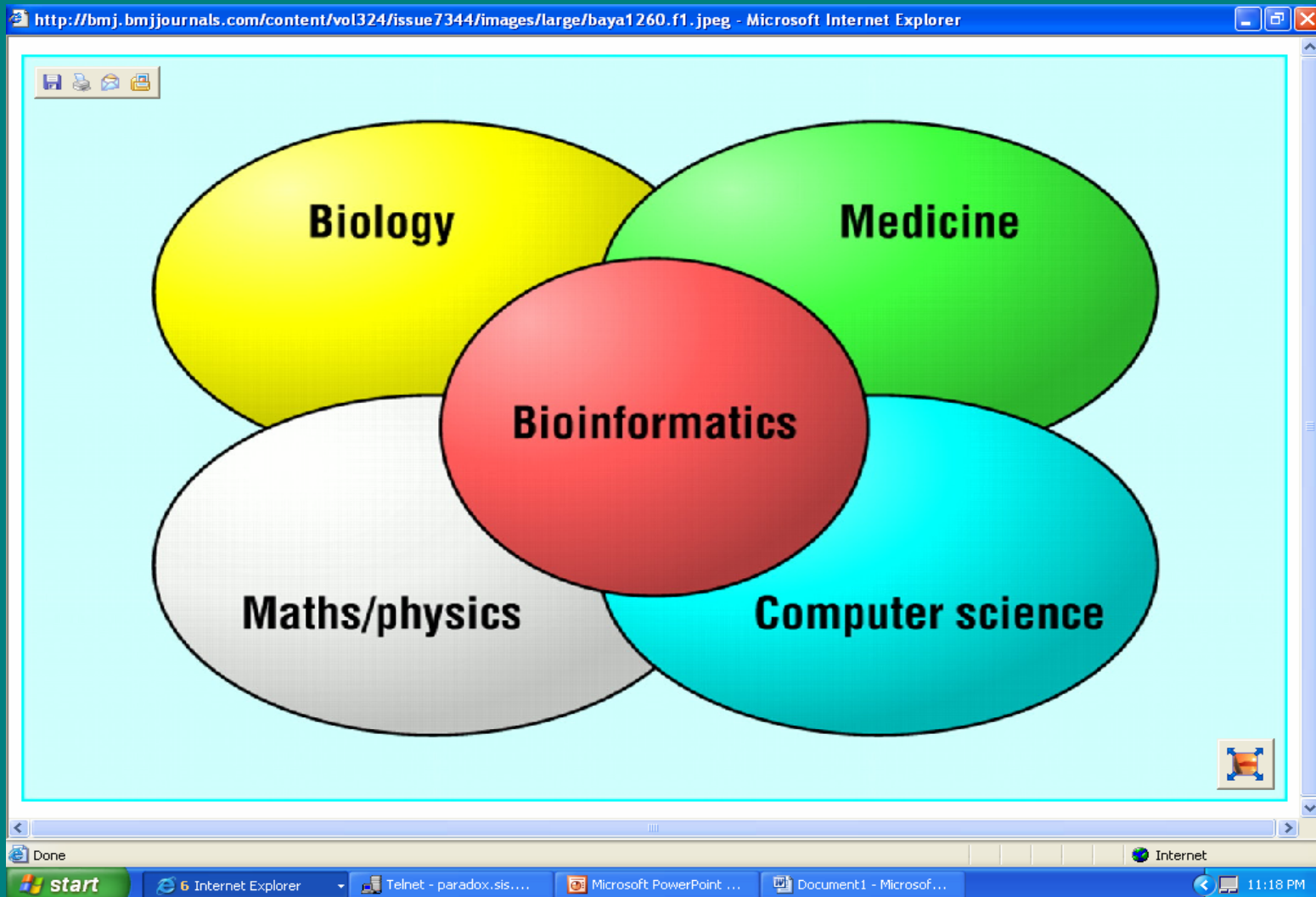
BI emerged in the 1990s...20-30 years after medical informatics

- The terms *bioinformatics* and *computational biology* are often used interchangeably, although the latter typically focuses on algorithm development and specific computational methods.
- A common thread in projects in bioinformatics and computational biology is the use of mathematical tools to extract useful information from noisy data produced by high-throughput biological techniques.
- The field of data mining overlaps with computational biology in this regard...
 - en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bioinformatics

If you query the MeSH® database for “bioinformatics,” you are directed to

- **Computational Biology**
 - A field of biology concerned with the development of techniques for the collection and manipulation of biological data, and the use of such data to make biological discoveries or predictions. This field encompasses all computational methods and theories applicable to molecular biology and areas of computer-based techniques for solving biological problems including manipulation of models and datasets.
- Year introduced: 1997

Bayat A. Science, medicine, and the future:
Bioinformatics. *BMJ*. 2002 Apr 27;324(7344):1018-22



Real-world definition.....

- Roughly, bioinformatics is *any use of computers to handle biological information.*
- In practice, bioinformatics is often a synonym for "~~computational molecular biology~~" ---*the use of computers to characterize the molecular components of living things.*

So what's the difference?

- “Traditionally, Medical Informatics has been focused on the intersection between computer science and clinical medicine,
- whereas Bioinformatics have been predominantly centered on the intersection between computer science and biological research.
- Although researchers from both areas have occasionally collaborated, their training, objectives and interests have been quite different.”

- Martin-Sanchez F et al. Synergy between medical informatics and bioinformatics: facilitating genomic medicine for future health care. *J Biomed Inform.* 2004 Feb;37(1):30-42.

Shortliffe's 4-part model

- **Bioinformatics**
 - Molecular and cellular processes
 - **Imaging Informatics**
 - Tissues and organs
 - **Clinical Informatics**
 - Individuals and patients
 - **Public Health Informatics**
 - Populations and society
- http://sci.asu.edu/news/bmi_symposium/downloads/EdwardShortliffe_presentation.pdf

Health Informatics

- The Canadian (and European) preferred term for medical and biomedical informatics
 - <http://www.coachorg.com/default.asp?ID=390>

Key Topics in the 1980s...

- Introduction to Medical Informatics
- Databases
- Networking and Distributed Computing
- Ambulatory Care Records
- Hospital Information Systems
- Integrated Clinical Information Systems
- Medical Imaging Systems
- Patient Monitoring
- Computers in Education
- Medical Decision Making
- Bibliographic Retrieval
- Controlled Medical Terminologies

“Grand Challenges” in the 1990s...

- Medical Information Standards
- Medical Informatics Training
- Integrated Health Information Management Systems
- Computerized Medical Records
- Clinical Information Systems, including radiology, laboratory, pharmacy
- Physician Order Entry Systems
- Computer–Aided Instruction
- Medical Expert Systems
- Nursing Informatics
- Health Information Networks
- Medical Software
- Research Funding Opportunities
- Cultural and Sociological Changes
- Medical Software Security

Duke University, 1990s

Some of the 21st century topics?

Competing for Capital - Creative IT Investment Strategies

Overcoming Barriers to Electronic Medical Records to Support HIV/AIDS Care in sub-Saharan Africa

Development & Evaluation of a Standards-based PDA Documentation & Decision Support System for Advanced Practice Nurses

Disseminating Innovations in Critical Care

Looking into & out of CPOE's (Physician Order Entry) Black Box: Monitoring its Uses, Benefits and Consequences

eCME: Is it ready for prime time?

Progress and Prospects for the National Health Information Infrastructure

Why is so much clinical IT so bad?

From a medical informatics conference brochure, Johns Hopkins, 2005

More 21st century topics?

Accessing Information at the Point of Care: Impact and Challenges

Three usability studies of informatics tools at patient-provider interface: a HRT decision tool, tobacco use risk tool, & medical resident usage of PDA tools

Managing a Drug Withdrawal Crisis via Health IT PDAs for Decision Support at the Point of Care: Lessons Learned

Effective Clinical Decision Support: Assessing Factors Critical for Success

Bringing technology to people & people to technology: Uganda as a case in point
eLearning and eEducators at the Point-of-Care

Redesigning Hospital Processes with EHRs-A Socio-Technical (ST) Approach

A Web-based Point of Care Knowledge Resource and Workflow Support for Ambulatory Care

PDAs: Improving Medication Safety through Access and Use of Drug Information Sources

From a medical informatics conference brochure, Johns Hopkins, 2005

Who Are Medical Informaticists?

Practitioners in an interdisciplinary academic field, chiefly based in medical schools, with a broad range of professional training

- physicians/health professions schools faculties
- computer scientists/engineers
- nurses
- pharmacists
- dentists
- veterinarians
- government officials
- medical records administrators
- medical librarians
- lawyers
- cognitive psychologists
- software/hardware producers/publishers
- healthcare consumers/advocates
- insurance providers/ third party payers

Where Do Medical Informaticists Work?

- health professions school faculty
- academic research & development
- educational support positions
- clinical administrative/educational managers
- healthcare facility Chief Information Officers
- corporate research and development
- health information professional/biomedical librarians
- entrepreneurs

Medical Informatics Journals

Artificial Intelligence in Medicine

BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making

Computers in Biology and Medicine

Computers, Informatics, Nursing: CIN

Health Informatics Journal

Healthcare Informatics

IEEE Transactions on Information

Technology in Biomedicine

International Journal of Medical Informatics

J Healthcare Information Management

J Telemedicine and Telecare

Medical Informatics and the Internet

Online Journal of Nursing Informatics

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Academic Medicine

Bioinformatics

BMC Bioinformatics

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Healthcare Informatics

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JASIST

J Biomedical Informatics

J of Medical Internet

Research

Medical Decision Making

Organizations concerned with medical informatics...

- American Medical Informatics Association - www.amia.org
- International Medical Informatics Association - www.imia.org
- Health Information Management Systems Society - www.himss.org
- American Health Information Management Association - www.ahima.org
- Association for Information Science & Technology; SIG-MED <http://www.asis.org/AboutASIS/asis-sigs.html#SIGMED>
- Medical Library Association - www.mlanet.org

Where can someone go to earn a degree in medical informatics?

- Universities
- Medical libraries
- Medical centers
- Professional meetings
- On the Web

About Informatics *Academic and Training Programs*

Degree Programs, Certificate Programs, Fellowships, and Short Courses

The following is a list of formal academic and training programs in North America in medical, nursing, and health care informatics. For a list of academic medical informatics programs outside North America, please [click here](#).

The icons below are used under the names of institutions to indicate the types of formal academic and training programs available.

-  Associate degree in informatics
-  Undergraduate degree in informatics
-  Masters degree in informatics
-  PhD degree in informatics
-  Informatics specialization within other degree programs
-  NLM-sponsored post-doctoral fellowships
-  Other post-doctoral research fellowships
-  Certificate program
-  Short courses
-  Online/distance education programs

If your institution has a program that should be included in this list, please [send a message here](#); include the Web address of your program and indicate which of the above types of degrees and training are available.

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[Intensive Course in Biomedical Informatics at Columbia](#)

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[Stanford Short Course](#)

[Weekend Immersion in Nursing Informatics](#)

[Woods Hole Institute](#)

Senior Scholar, NLM Extramural Programs

301-594-4882

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Links to University Training Center web sites:

1. [Program in Biomedical Informatics](#)
Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences & Technology
Robert A. Greenes



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Institutions with NLM training programs in medical informatics, and a strong L/IS program

- Training Program for Imaging-Based Medical Informatics – *UCLA*
- Biomedical and Health Informatics Research Training - *University of Missouri Columbia*
- Pittsburgh Biomedical Informatics Training Program *University of Pittsburgh*
- Regenstrief Informatics Research Fellowships *Indiana University - Purdue University at Indianapolis*
- Biomedical and Health Informatics Training Program - *University of Washington*
- Computation and Informatics in Biology and Medicine - *University of Wisconsin Madison*



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“As a student, I value the access to medical data that I have here at Pitt and the collegial atmosphere that exists between researchers at Pitt and Carnegie Mellon University.”
-Jon Lustgarten, PhD Candidate

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Training Program

The Pittsburgh Biomedical Informatics Training Program has been preparing individuals for basic and clinical research, healthcare and development careers since 1987. Areas of concentration include: Clinical Informatics, Bioinformatics, Dental Informatics, Health Services Research, Biosurveillance/Infectious Disease

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- Johns Hopkins Health Sciences Informatics Training Program - *Johns Hopkins* University
- Vanderbilt Biomedical Informatics Training Program - *Vanderbilt* University
- Training Program in Health Informatics - *Oregon* Health & Science University

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Institutions with NLM training programs in medical informatics, but no L/IS program...

- Biomedical Informatics Training Program - *University of California Irvine*
- Medical Informatics Research Training Program - *Columbia University*
- Program in Biomedical Informatics - *Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences & Technology*
- Health Informatics - *University of Minnesota Twin Cities*
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- Training of Toolmakers for Bio-Medical Informatics - *Medical University of South Carolina- MUSC*
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Degree Programs

The department of [Biomedical Informatics](#) at [Columbia University](#) offers a variety of training opportunities to meet different needs:

Program	Prerequisite	Duration	Part-Time Study	Financial Support
MA	BA	1-3 years	YES	Self
MD	BA	4-6 years	NO	Columbia or NLM
MA/PhD	BA	7-8 years	NO	Columbia or NLM
Post-doctoral fellowship (degree-granting)	Doctorate	2-3 years	NO	Columbia or NLM
Post-doctoral fellowship (non-degree)	Doctorate	2-3 years	NO	Columbia or NLM

The field of Biomedical Informatics is very broad. Students can choose to focus on one of the four following tracks, which study the application of information technology and its impact on health and disease from the molecular level to whole populations:

- [Bioinformatics](#) - the structure and function of cells and cell components; genomics; proteomics
- [Clinical Informatics](#) - the delivery of patient care, nursing, and [dentistry](#); electronic medical records; systems to improve the quality of health care and reduce cost
- [Public Health Informatics](#) - the health of populations; systems to educate providers and patients; medical research systems. [Special funding slots available through NLM](#)

A somewhat outdated [description of the program](#) is available in an article published in the 2002 Yearbook of the International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA). There is additional information about [requirements for admission](#), and an [application form](#) can be completed on-line. The department offers a rich [curriculum](#) for biomedical informatics students in the MA, MD and postdoctoral programs, as well as students in other departments. A number of [links and presentations](#) provide



Introduction to Molecular Biology Information Resources

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DESCRIPTION

This three-day course provides an introduction to four domains of information generated by the field of molecular biology:

- nucleotide sequences
- protein sequences
- three-dimensional structures
- complete genomes and maps

An overview of flagship search systems and databases available at the National Center for Biotechnology Information emphasizes how your current search skills apply to molecular biology databases. A tour of advanced Entrez search features illustrates techniques for effective and efficient retrieval of molecular data and will help you to address some common user needs. The course also introduces more technical search systems, including BLAST, Map Viewer, and the Cn3D viewer for three-dimensional protein structures. The course format combines lecture, demonstration, and hands-on experience, and concludes with a discussion of various levels of molecular biology information services provided by librarians. Additional detail about the material covered is accessible from the [modules](#) page, and the [daily schedule](#) is also provided. This course is approved for 20 CE contact hours by the Medical Library Association (MLA).

DATES AND LOCATIONS

November 2-4, 2005	Houston, TX
November 2-4, 2005	National Library of Medicine
March 1-3, 2006	Ann Arbor, MI
March 28-30, 2006	Davis, CA
June 14-16, 2006	Cambridge, MA

Additional details about each location as well as a link to a **registration** form are provided on the [upcoming courses](#) page. Each course is three days long, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM each day (see [schedule](#) for details). Additional course dates/locations will be posted as they are scheduled. A list of [past courses](#) is also available.

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Release Date: 02-12-03
Expiration Date: 03-01-06, unless reissued

Scope and Priorities
Purpose
Individual biomedical informatics fellowships provide support for the training of informatics scientists able to perform research into basic informatics problems or to application of informatics to any area of biomedicine, including clinical medicine, basic biomedical research, clinical and health services research, public health, professional education, and administration. Post-doctoral, pre-doctoral and, in certain specified fields, some post-baccalaureate candidates are eligible.

Training Objectives
Health informatics is concerned with the acquisition, representation, storage, retrieval, and utilization of information in a health-relevant domain. Fellowship training is intended to help meet the growing national need for research investigators and leaders trained in the myriad of specialized areas in biomedical computing and health informatics. Thus, this fellowship is suitable for training in informatics specializations ranging from clinical informatics to the informatics of molecular biology and other large research datasets. Applications that focus on building new skills or extending the applicant's existing expertise are particularly desirable.

Upon completion of training, fellows should be able to conduct basic or applied research at the intersection of biology

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Continuing education courses

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 - AMIA
 - ASIS&T



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MLA '06: Continuing Education Courses

A full description of the specific CE course appears below. For further information, or if you have other questions about MLA CE courses, contact [Debra Cavanaugh](mailto:mlapd3@mlahq.org), mlapd3@mlahq.org, 312.419.9094, x32.

CE 703

Introduction to Medical/Health Care Informatics for Librarians

Level: Beginning

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$285 (nonmember, \$335)

Attendance Maximum: 30

Instructor(s): Kathleen Ann McKibbin, associate professor, Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Health Information Research Unit, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada, and Ellen Detlefsen, associate professor, School of Information Sciences, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

This workshop is designed around two basic purposes: First, it gives librarians a broad understanding of what medical/health care informatics is, how and to what extent it overlaps with medical/health care librarianship, and what to expect from more implementation of these systems in the organizations where librarians work. Second, it shows examples of how information is being integrated into health care delivery, where librarians can benefit from working with informatics systems, issues involved in implementation, and potential problems inherent with medical informatics.

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The tutorial program will provide a learning experience filled with rich content. This year, 26 tutorials, taught by a faculty comprised of AMIA's widely recognized thought leaders in the field are designed to stimulate interest in the diverse body of informatics knowledge. Tutorials have been divided into four series - Primers, EHRs, Methods, and Selected Topics.

Primer Series:
This set of tutorials is designed to provide an introduction to key current and emerging areas in informatics and is considered essential to the core foundation of informatics theory, application, and practice.

EHR Series:
The time of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) is now upon us. This series of tutorials will focus on the key expertise required for individuals responsible for EHR selection, implementation, deployment, and evaluation.

Methods Series:
This methods series is designed for individuals looking for advanced instruction from leading experts on the procedures and techniques characteristic of the field of biomedical informatics.

Selected Topics Series:
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Problems with the Distribution of Health and Medical Information (SIG KM and SIG MED)

Catherine Smith, Tim Patrick, Paula Rhyner, Deborah Swain and Leonard Davolio

(Submission #13)

Summary

According to many experts in the field of medicine, there is potential for a crisis in the collection and distribution of patient records and community health. In the 1990s the introduction of HIPAA (Health Information Privacy and Accountability Act) regulations protected individual privacy, but the need for social computing, collaboration, and sharing of data about bird flu, for example, is changing information practices. Social networking groups, such as communities of practice (CoP) made up of health and medical professionals, are growing with the spread of communicative diseases, viruses and pandemic flu. Applying research tools, health projects in pediatrics are creating communication maps for all stakeholders (care providers, parents, program managers, and researchers). This panel looks at both research and applications in the field of informatics as practiced in hospitals, clinics, and medical offices.

Distance education from the medical informatics or L/IS communities

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"Because we are serious about transforming our system of health care to be safe, efficient, timely, patient-centered, equitable, and effective, we must invest not only in technology, but also in the education and training of individuals to ensure our workforce is poised to meet this challenge. One of the factors most important to the success of health care information technology projects is the engagement and participation of clinicians. There must be - a cadre of health care professionals (physicians, nurses, and others) who have knowledge and skills beyond their clinical training. Virtually every hospital, clinic, physician office, or other health care provider organization will in some way utilize information technology solutions in the coming years and will need health care professionals versed in informatics to assist with the implementation, use, and success of these systems."

Don E. Detmer, MD, MA

AMIA 10x10 Program

The AMIA 10x10 will utilize curricular content from existing informatics training programs and other AMIA educational initiatives with a special emphasis toward those programs with a proven track record in distance learning. The content will provide a framework but also cover plenty of detail, especially in areas such as electronic and personal health records, health information exchange, standards and terminology, and health care quality and error prevention.

We anticipate AMIA 10x10 programs to be geared toward three major domains in the field of informatics:

- Clinical or health care (including personal health management; electronic and personal health records; health information exchange; standards and terminology; and health care quality and error prevention.
- Public health/population informatics
- Translational bioinformatics

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**Oregon Health & Science University
Department of Medical Informatics & Clinical Epidemiology**

3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, Mailcode: R1CC

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- A demo version of one course can be found at <http://ohsu.blackboard.com>. Please use User Name "guest1" and Password "guest1" to log in.

[Courses Master of Biomedical Informatics Graduate Certificate Program](#)

The goal of the OHSU medical informatics distance learning program is to provide knowledge and skills in the application of information technology (IT) to health care. Graduates of the program have taken on additional IT responsibilities in their existing careers or embarked on new careers as developers and managers of health care IT systems. In the program, individuals with a variety of backgrounds take courses in medical informatics, management, and related areas to gain expertise to assume positions that require a thorough understanding of both IT and the health care environment.

There are two distance learning programs offered. The first is the [Graduate Certificate Program in Biomedical Informatics](#). This program requires eight three-credit courses for completion and provides broad exposure to the field.

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The University of Pittsburgh School of Information Sciences, through its Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS), offers individuals interested in this career the Medical Librarianship/Medical Informatics Specialization as part of its 36-credit Master of Library and Information Science [MLIS] degree. The specialization provides an opportunity for those interested in careers in medical informatics and medical libraries, fast-growing professions with employment opportunities in hospitals, academic medical centers, health care systems, Federal, state, and local government, corporations, nursing homes, and public and school libraries and other information resource centers. In addition to a focus on medical libraries and knowledge-based information in the clinical and research setting, some students may specialize in medical informatics or consumer and patient health information sources and services.

The intent of this graduate education program is to orient prospective health information professionals to the theory, methodology, and practice of medical information management (including but not limited to medical librarianship). The SIS curriculum is designed to support the concept that medical librarians and medical information managers are team players in the integrated information environments characteristic of modern medicine. The curriculum also supports study into the nature of health and medical information, and the traditional and the electronic means by which such information is organized, stored, and retrieved.

DLIS seeks students with diverse educational work and backgrounds. Any undergraduate degree and major is acceptable, but backgrounds in science, health sciences (including first professional degrees in the health sciences such as the BSN, BPharm, etc.), the human services, and computer/information science, will be given preference for the Medical Informatics/Medical Librarianship specialization.

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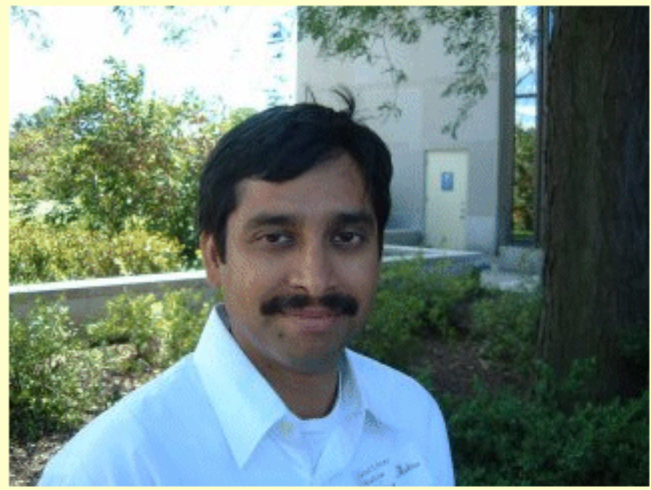


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This study introduces an objective method for identifying limited types of medical complication cases based only on Hospital Information System (HIS) data. To identify medical complication cases, we established an identifying rule, prepared HIS data, and applied the rule to the data. We identified 3 shock cases with intravenous application of contrast media at CT examination by using only one year (2003/4/1 to 2004/3/31) of HIS data from The University of Tokyo Hospital.

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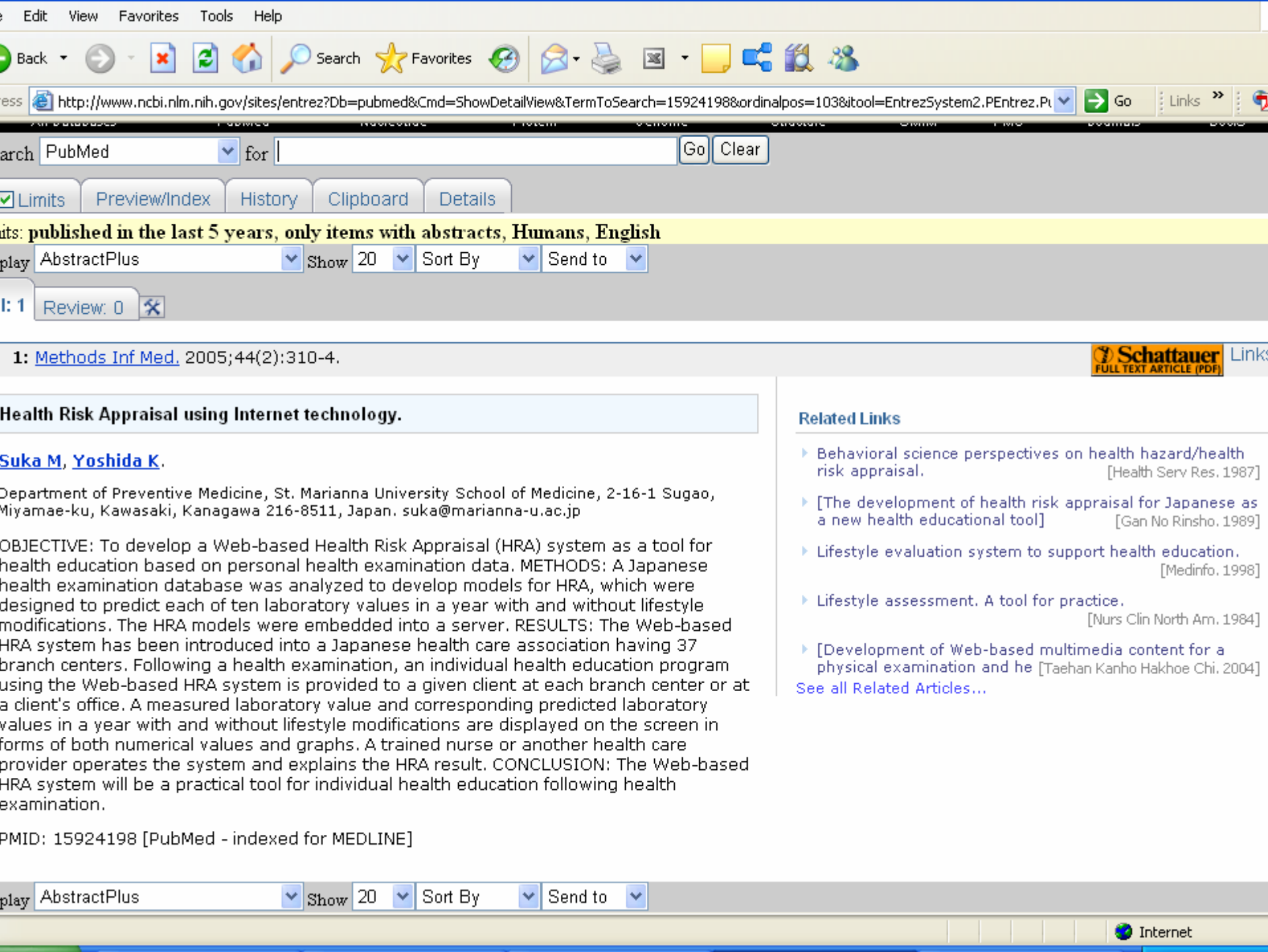
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Health Risk Appraisal using Internet technology.

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OBJECTIVE: To develop a Web-based Health Risk Appraisal (HRA) system as a tool for health education based on personal health examination data. METHODS: A Japanese health examination database was analyzed to develop models for HRA, which were designed to predict each of ten laboratory values in a year with and without lifestyle modifications. The HRA models were embedded into a server. RESULTS: The Web-based HRA system has been introduced into a Japanese health care association having 37 branch centers. Following a health examination, an individual health education program using the Web-based HRA system is provided to a given client at each branch center or at a client's office. A measured laboratory value and corresponding predicted laboratory values in a year with and without lifestyle modifications are displayed on the screen in forms of both numerical values and graphs. A trained nurse or another health care provider operates the system and explains the HRA result. CONCLUSION: The Web-based HRA system will be a practical tool for individual health education following health examination.

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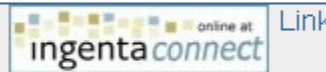
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Development of a telenursing system for patients with chronic conditions.

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We have evaluated the feasibility of a telenursing system for patients with a chronic condition who are in receipt of home care services. The Internet-based system allows patients (equipped with a laptop computer), nurses and physicians to access information from a central database through a wireless network (128 kbit/s). Email and video-mail messages as well as vital signs data can be sent daily by the patient to a server at a regional health-care centre, and can be accessed by a nurse or physician, who can then decide on appropriate care. The system was tested by a male patient with type 2 diabetes mellitus, to see whether it would enhance his own management of his condition. During a 73-day baseline introductory period, no specific educational material was provided on the system Website about the management of diabetes (during this time the technical operation of the system was tested). During a second, 71-day period, educational material was provided. The telenursing system helped the patient to manage his condition, as shown by significant improvements in his levels of blood glucose and glycosylated haemoglobin (HbA(1c)) and in his blood pressure. Our findings suggest that the system is feasible.

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