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Studying and Publishing History of Medicine Papers: Sources and Resources

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It is not easy finding time to read materials outside one's field of specialty, especially for those involved in high-intensity patient care. However, for those interested to read and publish papers on history of medicine, with only a little bit of effort, they can incorporate a routine to browse available resources through the internet, which can be gratifying helping them to expand their conceptual horizons and generate ideas for research and writing. In this brief piece, I will provide some of those links, along with a few personal examples.

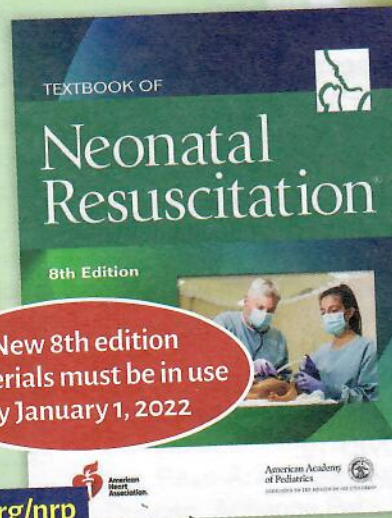
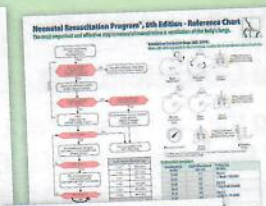
There is an online journal available for free, *Hektoen International: A Journal of Medical Humanities*, published by the Hektoen Institute for Medical Research in Chicago. Learn more at <http://www.hektoen.org>. The Journal has 30

main sections covering topics from Anatomy to War and Veterans. There are eight other sections, one of which is the delightful *Quotations* section, an excellent source for quotations one can incorporate into one's presentations. After the website visit, a worthwhile exercise would be to read the inspiring biography of Dr. Ludvig Hektoen (1863–1951), an American pathologist after whom the Institute and the Journal were named.

The Journal has brief, but high-quality articles on wide ranging subjects, including Birth, Pregnancy & Obstetrics. It has a worldwide circulation. In November of 2021, *Hektoen International* had 49,040 users viewing the site and 124,253 page views. As of November 30, 2021, the journal has had 550,912 users and 1,468,865 page views. The editorial office has a list of 68,418 subscribers to the newsletter. It conducts an annual Hektoen Grand Prix essay contest that attracts thousands of submissions from its worldwide subscribers.

The National Library of Medicine's PubMed has indexed *Hektoen International*. Therefore, publications in this journal are "formal" papers. The journal reviews the submissions within days, makes decisions quickly, and publishes the accepted articles within weeks. I have listed a few of my publications in *Hektoen International* and examples of templates for your articles. If interested, please access my articles listed below by using my name

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in the search field of the journal webpage. I have cited other examples of history of medicine articles one can publish in traditional biomedical journals.

Papers in Hektoen International

- “Reconstructing memories and history in *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel García-Márquez”: The title says it all. If you have read novels of García-Márquez including the one above, this article might resonate well with you.
- “The trouble with the belly button”: It is a simple dimple in the mid-abdomen. Yet for medieval artists, it caused mighty headaches while painting portraits of Adam and Eve.
- “Battling poverty, injustice, ignorance and fear, and despair”: An unusual statue of Don Quixote de la Mancha and Sancho Panza at the Health Sciences Library, University of Illinois, Chicago.
- “Dr. Charles Alexander Eastman”: A pioneer Native American, the only doctor who treated the injured survivors in the South Dakota Wounded Knee Massacre on December 29, 1890. He then worked to help the rest of the U.S. to accept and appreciate the rich and ancient cultural heritage of the indigenous people.

Journals

Many journals are devoted to the history of medicine topics. Check with your library for availability. Some examples are: *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*; *Medical History* (Cambridge); and *Journal of Medical Biography*.

Traditional medical journals, too, publish medical history papers, if they are related to the journal's topics of interest. Obtain pre-submission permission before writing the article. The AAP journal, *Pediatrics*, has the *Historical Perspectives Feature* series edited by Dr. Jeffrey P. Baker MD, PhD. Feel free to contact him at jeffrey.baker@dm.duke.edu. Even high-profile journals such as *The Lancet*, *NEJM*, and the *BMJ* publish medical history papers. Please check with the editors prior to submitting.

The following are examples of my recently-published papers in traditional medical journals.

- Naming Mount Barcroft. *High Alt Med Biol* 2020 Jun;21(2):200-203.
- The Doctor Stamp and COVID-19: A Perspective. *Perspect Biol Med* 2021;64(2):246-250.
- From Galen to Gross, and beyond: a brief history of the enigmatic patent ductus arteriosus. *J Perinatol* 2019 Nov;39(11):1442-1448.

Resources for Research

- The NLM History of Medicine Division www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd. NLM has a directory of other institutions with significant holdings: <http://wwwcf.nlm.nih.gov/hmddirectory/>
- American Academy of Pediatrics: Pediatric History Center <https://www.aap.org/en/about-the-aap/gartner-pediatric-history-center/>
- The Medical Heritage Library <http://www.archive.org/details/medicalheritagelibrary>
- Medical Humanities Syllabi <http://endeavor.med.nyu.edu/lit-med/medhum.html>
- Wellcome Library: <http://library.wellcome.ac.uk/assets/WTX055986.pdf>
- Free to access to other Wellcome Library sites, including Wellcome Images picture library: <http://images.wellcome.ac.uk/>, Wellcome Film: <http://library.wellcome.ac.uk/wellcomefilm.htm>, digitized films through Wellcome Film channel on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/user/WellcomeFilm>
- Dr. Jackie Duffin personal website (www.histmed.ca): Bibliography *History of Medicine: A Scandalously Short Introduction*. The book is entirely online. It is bibliography by topic and geography, listing selected readings. Also, *Medical History for Travelers*.

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SONPM NICU Follow-up Work Group Ricki Goldstein MD

During the past year, a NICU Follow-up Work Group, under the leadership of Dr. Ricki Goldstein, has been established to develop a needs assessment for high risk infant follow-up, make recommendations for national standards of follow-up care and propose a set of objectives and feasible deliverables to the SONPM Executive Committee related to issues in NICU follow-up. The Work Group is comprised of follow-up neonatologists with representation from all geographic areas of the country, types of NICUs (academic and private) and career levels (TECaN, MidCaN and WECaN), as well as a representative from the SONPM Executive Committee. The Work Group began meeting monthly in February 2021.

The Work Group began by defining some important principles underlying high-risk infant follow-up (HFIF). These principles include: