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technology to search a pre-selected set of full-text “answer tools” and electronic textbooks. Initially named Clinical-e it has been redesigned and renamed Clinical Focus. Clinical Focus allows a user to search for information about a disease, symptom, drug, procedure, or test from a single search box. The goal in developing Clinical Focus was to embed it in the UPMC electronic medical record, or eRecord, to provide easy access to the library’s knowledge-based resources at the point of care. Currently, Clinical Focus is available to clinicians via the inpatient and outpatient eRecord.

Future Plans

HSLS continues to have an excellent relationship with Vivisimo as we continue to find new uses for Velocity. We have recommended its adoption to other libraries, and the Houston Academy of Medicine—Texas Medical Center Library is currently a Vivisimo Velocity customer. Because of our continued success with the product, we have no plans to investigate other products.

We will continue to monitor the use of the library’s eBook search as well as the other search tools this project created. The library will also look at other innovative ways to use this technology to aid our users in quickly finding the information they need.

Endnotes

5.  The platforms are: AccessMedicine (McGraw-Hill), AccessSurgery (McGraw-Hill), Books@Ovid, Elsevier Science Direct, MD Consult (Elsevier), R2 Library (Rittenhouse), STAT!Ref, Thieme E-Book Library.
6.  Foust, 43.
8.  The platforms are: ACP Pier, BMJ Clinical Evidence, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Current Medical Diagnosis & Treatment, Current Treatment in…. (Lange Textbooks), MICROMEDEX and MedCalc 3000.