



The Library

Guide to Library Services for UBC Clinical Faculty

As a UBC Clinical Faculty member, you are entitled to full access to UBC Library collections and services. UBC Library offers many valuable resources for medical practitioners and researchers, including:

- extensive print and online holdings
- indexes and databases in medicine and health – see resources.library.ubc.ca
- branch libraries at three hospital sites: VGH, St. Paul's, Children's & Women's

Getting Started

As part of your appointment process, the Faculty of Medicine has provided you with a UBC Library card. Your library card is required to borrow materials and to access online services and resources.

- **Your card must be activated in order to begin using library services and resources.**
Follow this link to activate your card: www.library.ubc.ca/home/forms/clinical-card.html
This form can also be used to renew cards. Please allow 2-3 business days for your card to be activated or renewed.

You'll be required to provide your contact information and UBC employee ID number. If you don't know your UBC employee ID or haven't received your card, please contact the Faculty of Medicine, Office of Clinical Faculty Affairs at 604-875-4111 ext. 68647 or email ocfa.med@ubc.ca for assistance.

The card you have been provided with affords library privileges only. If you prefer, you can obtain a UBCCard instead. The UBCCard is the official UBC identification card and grants access to library services and other facilities/services on campus. UBCCards are produced and distributed at the UBC Carding Office, located in the UBC Bookstore at 6200 University Boulevard. Apply in person or online at www.ubccard.ubc.ca.

UBC Library Website and Remote Access to Electronic Resources

Through the website you can search the catalogue, full text of e-journals and e-books, statistical databases, article indexes and many other resources. Other library information such as current hours of operation, branch maps, loan regulations and key contact people is also featured.

To access the Library's website, go to www.library.ubc.ca.

To connect to UBC Library electronic resources such as e-journals, e-books or indexes from a non-UBC location such as your home or office, please see the remote authentication options here:

www.library.ubc.ca/remote

EZproxy is the library's primary method for authentication. To use EZproxy, visit the library's website and simply choose a resource (e-journal, database, etc.). You will be prompted to login once using your library card barcode/PIN or CWL (see below). No downloads or changes to settings are required.

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The myVPN service is also available. Computers in some locations (hospitals, for example) may not allow for installation of the myVPN client. EZproxy should work well in these cases.

The myVPN service requires a Campus-Wide Login (CWL). To obtain a CWL, you will need your UBC employee ID number (see above) and CWL SignUp PIN. The CWL SignUp PIN is provided to new faculty as part of the appointment process. Existing employees should contact their department's HR administrator to obtain their CWL SignUp PIN. CWL accounts can be obtained online: www.it.ubc.ca/cwl

To access your library account (for book renewals, to check requests or set up e-mail notification), go to the library website:

- click on My Account
- enter your UBC/Library card barcode and PIN
- your barcode is the number on the back of your UBC/Library card with the spaces omitted, and your PIN is initially the last five digits of your barcode
- You can change your PIN by going to the My Library Account section of the library website.

UBC eLink

UBC eLink creates links from an article citation in a database (e.g. MEDLINE) to related information in other library resources, such as full text for the article or journal holdings in the library catalogue. Links are dynamic and context sensitive, meaning you will see different options for different citations. The eLink button is available in most library resources. To enable the eLink feature in freely available resources such as Google Scholar or PubMed, please connect to those resources through the library's site at resources.library.ubc.ca.

Help from a Reference Librarian

Reference librarians are available to advise you on search strategies, help look up citations and other materials, and assist in using the Library's resources and services. UBC Library has four branches supporting the medical and health sciences disciplines.

Biomedical Branch at VGH	web: www.library.ubc.ca/bmb tel: 604-875-4505
Hamber Library at Children's and Women's Hospital	web: www.library.ubc.ca/hamber tel: 604-875-2155
St. Paul's Hospital Library	web: www.library.ubc.ca/stpauls tel: 604-806-8425
Woodward Biomedical Library	web: www.library.ubc.ca/woodward tel: 604-822-4440

Workshops on various topics are available year-round at UBC libraries and online: elred.library.ubc.ca/libs

InterLibrary Loans and Document Delivery Services

In most cases, items not held at UBC can be requested via interlibrary loan. Books and articles held in the UBC collection can be delivered to your home or office, usually for a fee. Please see the links on the library's home page for additional information.

For more information about UBC Library services for Clinical Faculty, please contact Kristina McDavid at 604-822-3393 email: kristina.mcdavid@ubc.ca