



Health

State Library of Queensland's collection in health and medicine includes a broad coverage of information relating to the prevention, diagnosis, cure, and alleviation of disease. The subject range also covers areas such as human anatomy and physiology, public health, pharmacology, gynaecology and obstetrics, surgery, psychiatry, and complementary medicine. Material in these collections is written for the interested layperson, non-specialist researcher, parent, carer, and paraprofessional health worker.

The collection is not intended to provide clinical diagnoses or to substitute for consultation with a medical professional.

What does it include?

Reference works

Medical dictionaries, encyclopaedias, key medical handbooks and other reference works which provide explanations for the layperson are well represented in the collection.

Some examples of titles, and their call numbers, held in the Reference collection include the following:

- *Oxford textbook of medicine* REF 616
- *Black's medical dictionary* REF 610.3
- *Mosby's medical nursing and allied health dictionary* REF 610.3
- *Gale encyclopedia of medicine* REF 616.003
- *Taber's encyclopedic medical dictionary* REF 610.3
- *Merck Manual of medical information* REF 616
- *MIMS annual* REF 615.1
- *Australian drug guide* REF 615.1194
- *Alternative medicine: the definitive guide* REF 615.5
- *Dictionary of medical syndromes* REF 616.003
- *Gray's anatomy* REF 611

Books: the general collection

Books, serial titles and audio-visual materials in all collections can be found in the library catalogue. If you would like to browse the shelves in the general book collection, the number range to look for is G 610 – G 619.

Works on family medicine, diseases and conditions, treatment of common ailments, public health and history of medicine are particular strengths in this collection.

Serials

The serial collection includes a number of authoritative, peer reviewed health and medical journals of interest to both laypeople and those engaged in more advanced research. Recent issues of some medical journals and magazines are on open access. Earlier issues (older than two years) and additional serial titles are held in closed access and may be requested via the catalogue.

Videos and DVDs

Videos and DVDs are held on a range of subjects including physiology, diseases, mental health, sports medicine, alternative medicine, and women's health.

Databases

Other health information and hundreds of journal articles are available via a number of medical indexes and databases. Two full text databases, *Health and Wellness Resource Centre* and *Proquest Science Journals* are available to holders of a State Library eServices card, and to public library users throughout Queensland.

NetLinks

The State Library's web based subject directory, *NetLinks* includes a number of authoritative, quality internet sites in the area of health and medicine. To access *NetLinks* visit <http://netlinks.slq.qld.gov.au>



Queensland historical information

The Heritage Collections, comprising the John Oxley Library, the Australian Library of Art and the Maps Collections also include items of relevance to the study of health, medicine and allied health. The John Oxley collection is a rich source of historical information on many aspects of Queensland health and medicine. Some examples of original materials and published works include:

- Queensland Health publications and annual reports
- historical clippings files
- photographs, including portraits of medical practitioners
- material relating to the treatment of polio e.g. unpublished material relating to Sister Kenny
- material relating to Eleanor Bourne, the first woman to qualify as a medical practitioner in Queensland
- material relating to the study of tropical medicine
- the Cilento family and their contribution to medicine
- Indigenous health

How can I use the health collection?

Material in the State Reference Library is available for use at the State Library and, for those who live outside Brisbane, may be borrowed through your local public library. Some databases are only available on State Library premises, but the following can be accessed from any location in Queensland via the State Library website: *Health and Wellness Resource Centre* and *Proquest Science Journals*.

Items in Heritage Collections must be used in the John Oxley Library Reading Room where staff are available to assist you in locating relevant material. Visitors also have access to a range of Info Guides describing resources in the Heritage Collections.

What services are on offer?

Experienced librarians are available to help you with your enquiries. Ask at one of the Information Desks, phone 07 3840 7810, ask a question using the online enquiry form at www.slq.qld.gov.au/enquiry, or contact us on the State Library's instant message service, **Ask SLQ**.

How do I access these services and facilities?

Visit the State Library at South Bank, Brisbane to access:

- The State Reference Library's general collection, journals and serials on level 2
- Video recordings, DVDs, and newspapers on level 3
- The John Oxley Library on level 4

For opening hours details go to www.slq.qld.gov.au/home/hours

Log on to the State Library's website at www.slq.qld.gov.au to:

- Fill in an online enquiry form at www.slq.qld.gov.au/enquiry
- Browse the online catalogue and databases at www.slq.qld.gov.au/find

To access the *Health and Wellness Resource Centre* and *Proquest Science Journals* you need to have a State Library e-services card or be a member of a Queensland public library.

See Info Guides on *How to search the catalogue* and *How to request an item* for more information.

Need further information?

State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank

Reference Services: 07 3840 7810

John Oxley Library: 07 3840 7880

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