Collaboration and Innovation: NNLM’s Nationwide Online Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon
WHO WE ARE

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Formed Cross-Regional Planning Group

WHERE WE ARE

New England Region
Southeastern Atlantic Region
Pacific Northwest Region
National DOCLINE Coordination Office
South Central Region
National Network Coordination Office
MidContinental Region
New England Region
Middle Atlantic Region
Project Overview - Online Wikipedia Edit-a-thon
April 17, 2018 from 9am-9pm ET.

National Library of Medicine Strategic Plan 2017–2027
“reach more people in more ways through enhanced dissemination and engagement pathways.”

Project Objectives:
- Improve the use of NLM resources
- Engage NNLM members
- Utilize librarian research skills
- Make Wikipedia a better, evidence-based resource

#citeNLM2018 Edit-a-thon
Process - 5 steps

1. **Research** - Talked to Wikipedia Medical Community about their needs
2. **Picked a topic**
   - Rare Diseases

3. **Find Reliable Information**
   - NLM tools
   - PubMed
   - Genetics Home Reference
   - Medline Plus
   - GARD

**Internet in a box**
4. Train

NNLM Wikipedia Edit-a-thon Training, March 29, 2018

- 1 hour webinar
- Dr. James Heilman, Physician and active WikiProject editor 67 attended, recorded video watched 169 times
5. Edit

We Can Edit! #citeNLM2018

1. Click edit

2. Insert Citation

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Endometriosis

![Image of Rosie the Riveter]

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**Signs and symptoms**

- Pelvic pain
- Menstrual cramps
- Intercourse pain
- Fatigue
- Painful sex

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**Cancer**

- MD, DO, MD/PhD
- Endometriosis

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**References**

- [Cite NLM 2018](#).
Evaluation and Lessons Learned

- Statistics from the dashboard (*captured only registrants—not all editors added #citenlm2018 in edit summary or registered
- Twitter feed showed some user engagement
- Fewer than expected joined live WebEx sessions
- Participants mainly from library community, reflecting marketing
- Helpful to have two hosts at a time
Future Plans?

- Are you interested in improving the consumer health information available on Wikipedia?
- Do you want to utilize your research skills towards making Wikipedia a better, evidence-based resource?
- Have you always wanted to participate in an edit-a-thon?

Join the National Network of Libraries of Medicine on November 7th as we add citations to existing Wikipedia articles on women’s health!

#citeNLM2018 Edit-a-thon
November 7, 2018
(No prior experience needed!)
10AM-8PM EST

Focus on Women's Health Resources
Including:
- MedlinePlus Women's Health
- LactMed
- ToxTown Reproductive Health
- CDC Women's Health Initiatives
- ...and many more!

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Fall 2018 NNLM Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon Trainings

10/3: Introduction to the NNLM Edit-a-thon and WikiProject Medicine

10/17: Editing Wikipedia Articles

10/31: Women’s Health Resources
Thank you!

Questions?

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