Welcome – we’re here to help

The Library at Imperial College London supports the research, teaching and study needs of all of our NHS users.

We have a team of dedicated librarians that support the Faculty of Medicine and the NHS.

FIND OUT WHO CAN HELP YOU AT:
www.imperial.ac.uk/library/nhs/
your-librarian/

DETAILS OF ALL OUR SERVICES FOR THE NHS CAN BE FOUND AT:
www.imperial.ac.uk/library/NHS

Contact us at:

WEBSITE:
www.imperial.ac.uk/library

FACEBOOK PAGE:
imperiallibrary

TWITTER:
@impmedlib
Using the Library

Staff of the NHS trusts covered by the Service Level Agreement between Imperial College London Libraries and NHS London can join the Library with full or local membership, depending on eligibility. Students on placement in those trusts may also be eligible to join.

- To apply for membership you will need to complete an online registration form available on the library website and bring your Trust ID when you visit the Library
- You will receive a login for access to Imperial resources in the library
- Staff with honorary contracts at Imperial will be registered as College staff
- Some libraries require you to have an Imperial College ID card for swipe access, please ask for details when registering

You can borrow up to 20 items (including four 24 hour loans). When you have selected your items, take them to the issue desk or use one of our self-service machines.

- Items are issued for 3 weeks and will be automatically renewed for up to 6 months, after which they must be returned for re-issue
- If an item you have is requested by someone else, you will need to return it by the latest due date
- We only charge fines for the late return of items that have been requested by another reader
- You can borrow and return books at any of our libraries
- If the book you want is held at another Imperial library, you can request it and have it delivered to the library of your choice
If you don’t have the time to conduct your own literature search, then you can ask one of our librarians for help. The library offers a free literature searching service to NHS staff, to support research in clinical or service development areas. To make a search request, fill in the form located on the library website, or contact your NHS Support Librarian.
Library tours, inductions and training

If you are new to the library, or are responsible for a group of students or staff, why not book a library tour or induction session? Tours are a great way to get to know the layout and presentation of our collections and facilities.

Our inductions focus on using our print and electronic resources such as ‘Library Search’, NHS web pages and medicine resources.

Our librarians offer training on the wide range of medical, nursing and evidence-based information available on the internet. Sessions include:

- introduction to the Library and NHS resources
- database searching
- evidence-based medicine
- introduction to critical appraisal

LIBRARY TRAINING SESSION FAQs

How do I book a place?
Please contact your NHS Support Librarian or any of the team at your campus library.

When and where are the sessions run?
When you get in touch we'll try and book a time that suits you. All campuses run bookable group sessions and can also arrange one-to-one training.

How much does a training session cost?
Sessions are free for all NHS library members.

I’m a beginner and need a bit of everything, can you customise a session for me?
Staff are happy to offer bespoke information skills training regardless of your experience.
Finding material elsewhere

Our Document Delivery Service allows you to request items that are not available at Imperial. Books, articles, theses and more can be obtained nationally and internationally. We will supply your requests electronically wherever possible.

You can also use our Document Delivery Service to request journal articles from another Imperial library.

NHS resources: NICE Evidence Services

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) provides free online services for everyone who works in health and social care to help them make informed decisions about treatments and resources. The NICE Evidence resources include access to both clinical and non-clinical best practice information.

NICE has also developed an accreditation process to help users recognise the most trusted sources of guidance, including clinical guidelines, clinical knowledge summaries and best practice statements.

NICE Evidence Services comprises:

- NICE Evidence Search which gives access to content from a range of free resources
- The journals and databases section which gives access to specialist databases (such as Medline and CINAHL), e-books, and e-journals

Specialist resources require an NHS OpenAthens login.

For details and registration see: www.evidence.nhs.uk
Using Library computers & the Imperial Network

Each medical campus library has computers that eligible NHS staff can use. You will be provided with an Imperial College London NHS Network login to access the full range of Imperial Library resources, such as databases and e-journals.

Accessing resources provided by the NHS
The NHS provides a range of electronic resources for its staff, primarily through NICE Evidence Services. In order to gain access to the full range you will need to register for an NHS OpenAthens password.

You can self-register for an NHS OpenAthens log-in at:
openathens.nice.org.uk

NHS Staff who have honorary contracts with Imperial College London
If you have an honorary contract with Imperial College London, you can register for a staff computer account. Details about this can be found on the Imperial College London Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) web page.

ICT web page:
www.imperial.ac.uk/ict

COMPUTER FAQs

Can I use my USB memory stick?
Yes. Encryption software on a USB memory stick may affect whether they can be used on the library’s computers, so it is recommended that a personal, unencrypted memory stick is used.

Is wireless access available?
NHS Wi-Fi is available. Please ask library staff for more details.

Photocopying & printing
Our printer-copiers allow printing, scanning to email and photocopying. You will need an Imperial computer account to obtain the card necessary to use them.

- The current rate of VAT is applied to our charges to NHS staff in line with College policy
- Printing, copying or scanning must comply with current copyright legislation
Our libraries

**CENTRAL LIBRARY**

Imperial College London
South Kensington Campus
London SW7 2AZ
library@imperial.ac.uk
+44 (0)20 7594 8810

Nearest tube:
Gloucester Road/
South Kensington

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**HAMMERSMITH CAMPUS LIBRARY**

Imperial College London
Hammersmith Campus
Du Cane Road
London W12 0NN
hammersmithlibrary@imperial.ac.uk
+44 (0)20 7594 9943

The library is on the 1st floor of the Commonwealth Building.

Nearest tube: White City/
East Acton

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**CHARING CROSS CAMPUS LIBRARY**

Imperial College London
Charing Cross Campus
St Dunstan’s Rd
London W6 8RP
cxissuedesk@imperial.ac.uk
+44 (0)20 7594 0755

The library is on the 2nd floor of the Reynolds Building.

Nearest tube: Barons Court/
Hammersmith

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**ROYAL Brompton CAMPUS LIBRARY**

Royal Brompton Campus
Guy Scadding Building
Dovehouse Street
London SW3 6LY
br.library@imperial.ac.uk
+44 (0)20 7594 7917

Nearest tube:
South Kensington

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**ST MARY’S FLEMING LIBRARY**

St Mary’s Fleming Library
Imperial College London
St Mary’s Campus
Norfolk Place
London W2 1PG
sm-lib@imperial.ac.uk
+ 44 (0)20 7594 3692

Nearest tube: Paddington

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**CHELSEA AND WESTMINSTER CAMPUS LIBRARY**

Imperial College London
Chelsea and Westminster Hospital
369 Fulham Road
London SW10 9NH

The Library is on the lower ground floor.

librarycw@imperial.ac.uk
+44 (0)20 3315 8107

Nearest tube: Fulham
Broadway/South Kensington

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**SILWOOD PARK CAMPUS LIBRARY**

Imperial College London
Hamilton Building
Silwood Park Campus
Ascot
Berkshire SL5 7TA
silwood.library@imperial.ac.uk
+44 (0)20 7594 2461

Nearest train: Sunningdale

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