History of Medicine Associates Dinner

“Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Shangri-LA: Disability, Community and Social Entrepreneurship in Warm Springs, Georgia, 1926-1945”

The next annual meeting of the History of Medicine Associates is scheduled for September 14, 2006 in the UA System Offices Board Room. Daniel Holland, PhD, MPH, faculty in the Department of Psychology at UALR, will speak on “Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Shangri-LA: Disability, Community and Social Entrepreneurship in Warm Springs, Georgia, 1926-1945”. Dr. Holland notes that “One of FDR’s missions was to actually repudiate a biomedical model for people with disabilities from polio, advancing, instead, the first glimmers of an independent living and community health model.”

The meeting begins at 6:30 with wine, followed by a buffet dinner that will include: Open faced chicken Cordon Bleu, Twice baked potato, Broccoli/Cauliflower polonaise, Mushroom bruschetta and a dessert of chocolate Michael martinis. The cost is $25 per person for members, or $40 for non-members (which includes a membership to the History of Medicine Associates).

To make reservations for the dinner, ask questions, or make comments; please contact Amanda Saar 501-686-6733 or SaarAmandaE@uams.edu

The History of Medicine Associates
The History of Medicine Associates is a group that was created to help the Library’s Historical Research Center acquire items that are important to the history of UAMS, the history of medicine in Arkansas, and to the history of medicine in general. Membership is open to anybody who is Interested.

Over the years the History of Medicine Associates has helped to acquire and preserve artifacts, like the Bentley Pitcher, and the Brayersacher cane. Most recently, the HMA has helped the HRC to acquire the following items:

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Ben Ridout

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Joanna Delavan
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In March, 2006, the HMA purchased the 12 volume facsimile reprint set of the Medical and Surgical History of the Civil War (formerly the Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion) to replace the HRC’s original set (1870-1888) which was falling apart.

Later in 2006, the HMA purchased and donated the following titles to the Historical Research Center:


This book, published the year before what would become the first medical class of UAMS met in Little Rock, illustrates the type of teaching material available at that time. It has blank pages for a student’s use in clinic, and a foldout with cut outs of the various body parts, still attached to the back cover.

Recently, an anonymous donor has made it possible for the HRC to purchase a most amazing find. The Medicine receipt book. This is a book of receipts copied from an Indian doctor in 1845 in Indiana. The work was copied by another early medical practitioner. It is a hand written account book, very easy to read, and gives insight into the types of “drugs” available on the frontier.

Come by and visit these items or other items in the HRC. For some, we require white cotton gloves (which are provided). All are, or will be, listed in the Library’s online catalog.

If you have questions, comments, want to join the History of Medicine Associates, or want to discuss donating something, please contact Amanda Saar at 686-6733, or SaarAmandaE@uams.edu.

- Amanda Saar
Free Trial of IRIS Database: A Guide to Funding Opportunities

The UAMS campus will have a free trial of the IRIS Database through Oct. 25th. The IRIS Database currently contains over 8,600 active federal and private funding opportunities in the sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities. In addition to funding opportunities for faculty, the IRIS Database also contains fellowships and scholarships for both graduate and undergraduate students.

The IRIS Database is updated daily. Users can search IRIS by sponsor, deadline date, keyword, and other criteria. Most IRIS records contain live links to sponsor Web sites, electronic forms, or electronic Research Administration (eRA) portals. The IRIS Alert Service enables students, staff, and researchers at subscribing institutions to create their own IRIS search profiles. Users can select their preferred search frequency, delivery method (e-mail or Web), and keywords. The program runs the user's profile against the IRIS database and delivers the search results automatically via e-mail or the Web.

Please send your comments concerning the usefulness of the database to Mary Hawks, hawksmarys@uams.edu.

Have you tried Natural Standard?

Can pregnant women safely use Echinacea? Are ginkgo and aspirin safe to take together? These questions and many other can be answered using Natural Standard, one of the newer databases available through the UAMS Library. It provides a quality, evidence-based medicine approach to complementary and alternative therapies. Founded by clinicians and researchers at Harvard Medical School and the University of California, Natural Standard is an impartial service with contributors from over 100 eminent academic institutions world-wide.

Information is evidence-based, consensus-based, and peer-reviewed and assigned a grade based on the level of scientific evidence available. The grades include:

A (Strong Scientific Evidence)
B (Good Scientific Evidence)
C (Unclear or conflicting scientific evidence)
D (Fair Negative Scientific Evidence)
F (Strong Negative Scientific Evidence)

Lack of Evidence†

Accupressure (under Complementary Practices) offers a monograph that lists the background and theory behind the methods. It then lists out each illness/condition that the method has been reputed to help. They grade according to the evidence available. Links are also available to view the methodology the researchers used in determining the quality of the evidence as well as the data analysis, review and update processes.

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Have you tried Natural Standard? continued

Below is a sample of their grading for Accupressure for the first two conditions listed.

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<td>Nausea, motion sickness: Numerous scientific studies support the use of manual acupressure at the P6 acupoint (also known as &quot;Inner Gate&quot;) in the prevention and treatment of nausea after surgery, neo-adjuvant treatment (during cancer chemotherapy), nausea from chemotherapy, as well as pregnancy-related nausea/vomiting and morning sickness. Effects have been noted in children as well as adults. Better quality research is needed in order to make a strong recommendation.</td>
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<td>Anxiety: Preference clinical trials suggest that acupressure may significantly reduce anxiety. However, these studies have been small and poorly designed, warranting better-quality research.</td>
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Different sections include different levels of information. Each comprehensive monograph is designed to facilitate clinical decision making. The various sections of the database include:

- Herbs & Supplements
- Conditions
- Complimentary Practices
- Dictionary
- Interactions
- Brand Names

Clicking on Interactions brings up a list of herbs & supplements. A choice of African Wild Potato reveals the following drug interactions.

Please note: A PDA version is available for $79. The PDA version is not included under the UAMS Library’s subscription.

Please take a few moments and explore the amazing resource at: http://www.naturalstandard.com/index.asp

- Susan Steelman
Arkansas Statewide Preparedness Conference

The UAMS Library recently participated in the Arkansas Statewide Preparedness Conference held August 7-10 at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock. Mary Ryan and Susan Steelman attended the conference to learn as much as possible about preparing for all types of emergencies including: earthquakes, floods, bioterrorism, and pandemics. The library also wanted to learn how to best support the information needs of the professionals dealing with the disasters at the local, state, regional and national levels.

The Library also had an exhibit booth to distribute information on quality information resources available to first-responders, medical personnel and public health officials dealing with these types of disasters.

A few of the resources promoted were:

- **WISER** – [Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders] is a PDA and desk-top resource to assist first responders in hazardous material incidents. WISER provides a wide range of information on hazardous substances, including substance identification support, physical characteristics, human health information, and containment and suppression advice. http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov
- **Haz-Map** is an occupational health database designed for health and safety professionals and for consumers seeking information about the health effects of exposure to chemicals and biologicals at work. http://hazmap.nlm.nih.gov

CNE and CME Classes Through the UAMS Library

The UAMS Library has CNE and CME level courses that we are able to teach for health professionals on campus and around the state. Recent CNE classes taught included:

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<td>UAMS Staff Advisory Nurses Council</td>
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<td>Nursing Faculty &amp; Library Staff @ Ouachita Technical College</td>
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The following is a list of the classes we can teach for CNE credit. Each class is an hour long and carries 1.2 CNE credits.

- Introduction to PubMed [MEDLINE database] [1.2 CNE]
- Consumer Health Resources@NLM: MedlinePlus, ClinicalTrials.gov, and the NLM Gateway [1.2 CNE]
- Internet Basics for Nurse [1.2 CNE]

**Accreditation Statement**

These activities have been approved by the Texas Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. These activities meet Type 1 criteria for mandatory continuing education requirements toward relicensure as established by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas.

CNE accreditation by the Texas Nurses Association is recognized by all U.S. states except California and Iowa. Each course is accredited for 1 hour of activity (1.2 contact hours).

To schedule a CNE level class, please contact:

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