

To: Faculty, Residents, and Medical Students
Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners
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Re: Remote Access of UpToDate
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SUMMARY

UpToDate is now available for remote access.

DETAILS

UpToDate is a clinical reference database. (See description below.) For several years, UpToDate has been available in the hospital, clinics, faculty offices and the library from U-Connect and CRIT. I am happy to announce that the hospital, medical foundation and the medical school have now come together to provide the financial support needed for remote access.

Routes to obtain home access include:

- *Ebling Library* (requires UW NetID) See attached instructions
- *U-Connect* (requires Active Directory "Citrix" login)
- *My Health Link Home Page* (via *Home* button on Health Link screen, for certain physicians for whom this function has been activated)
- ACCESS IS NOT AVAILABLE DIRECTLY FROM THE UPTODATE WEB PAGE

We are also working to add Health Link to the *Clinical Resources* drop down menu in Health Link. This will enable quicker access from within Health Link for those physicians who don't have the My Health Link Home Page.

Listed below are the content areas for UpToDate:

Contents

What's New	Drug Information	Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health
Patient Information	Endocrinology and Diabetes	Health
Calculators	Family Medicine	Oncology
Authors and Editors	Gastroenterology and Hepatology	Pediatrics
Adult and Pediatric Emergency Medicine	Hematology	Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine
Adult Primary Care and Internal Medicine	Infectious Diseases	Rheumatology
Allergy and Immunology	Nephrology and Hypertension	Surgery
Cardiovascular Medicine	Neurology	

Many of you in Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatrics and Obstetrics and Gynecology are familiar with the rich, timely UpToDate content. Those of you in Surgery may not be as familiar with UpToDate. The surgical content areas are listed below. This content for surgery is not yet complete. I suggest that you log on and scan the contents, and then check back periodically as the content is enhanced. The number of monographs in each section varies.

Contents: Surgery

Practice Changing UpDates	General surgical principles	Thoracic surgery
Abdominal wall surgery	Head and neck surgery	Trauma surgery
Anesthesia and analgesia	Hernia surgery	Upper GI surgery
Bariatric metabolic surgery	Pancreatic hepatobiliary surg	Urologic surgery
Breast surgery	Plastic surgery	Vascular surgery
Colorectal surgery	Skin and soft tissue surgery	
Endocrine surgery	Surgery calculators	
Patient Information		

The following description of UpToDate is taken from the UpToDate web site:

UpToDate answers clinical questions.

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UpToDate is comprehensive and current, keeping you informed of the latest clinical findings.

UpToDate covers more than 7,700 topics in 15 medical specialties and includes more than 80,000 pages of text, plus graphics, links to Medline abstracts, more than 260,000 references and a drug database. UTD physician editors and authors review and update our content continuously. An updated version of UpToDate is released every four months.

UpToDate provides treatment recommendations that help patients get the best possible care.

UpToDate includes treatment recommendations based on the best medical evidence. Recommendations are kept current as new studies are released, and those with important or immediate implications are identified in Practice Changing UpDates. In addition, UTD grades recommendations, so you can assess their strength and the quality of the evidence more quickly. For more details, please see the UTD editorial policy.

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