

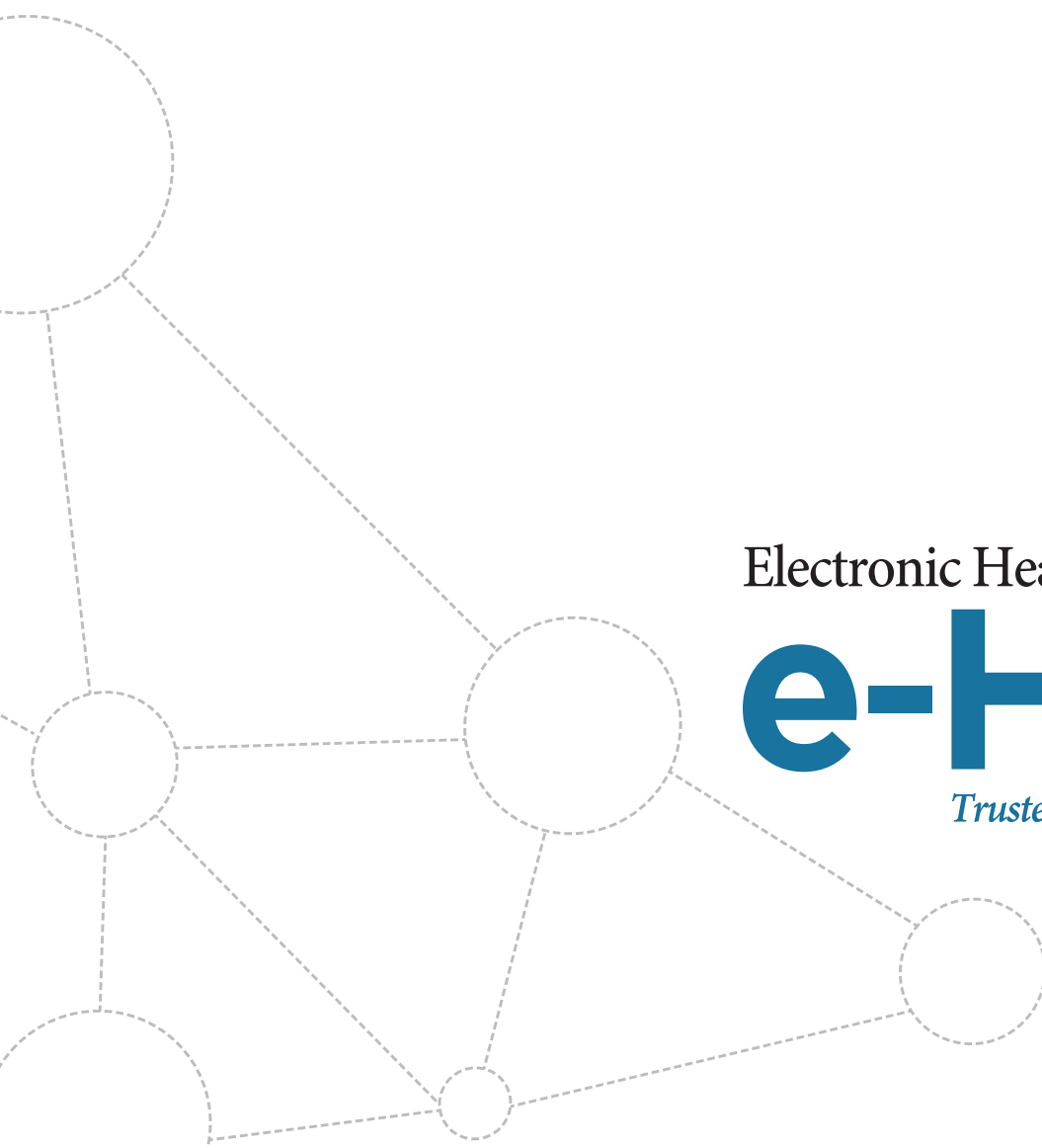
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[Year in Review]

Electronic Health Library of BC

e-HLbc

Trusted Information meets Practice



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1 [About e-HLbc]

What is e-HLbc?

The Electronic Health Library of British Columbia (e-HLbc) is a consortium of health and post-secondary libraries across British Columbia and Yukon, working to provide all health students, practitioners, educators, and researchers in the region with reliable and equitable access to electronic health resources. e-HLbc is an initiative of the BC Academic Health Council.

e-HLbc membership provides institutions with access to a core suite of health resources. These resources are a foundation of information for health instruction to learners and research material for practitioners, educators, and researchers. This suite provides access to approximately 3,200 full text journals, and abstracting and indexing for over 8,900 journals from the medicine, health and allied health fields.

e-HLbc also provides members with a forum for collaboration between the education and health sectors – a crucial component to facing the challenges of providing quality care to BC and Yukon residents.

[Core Resources]

[Biomedical Reference Collection](#)

[CINAHL with Full Text](#)

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[LWW Total Access Collection](#)

[MEDLINE with Full Text](#)

[Ovid Medline](#)

[PsycARTICLES](#)

[PsycINFO](#)

Who Benefits from e-HLbc?

e-HLbc benefits the regional health community and its residents, including 41 institutional members in health (7), post-secondary (25), professional association (6), and government (3) sectors.

103,100	Health Sector Patrons
187,100	Post-Secondary Sector Patrons
6,600	Government Sector Patrons

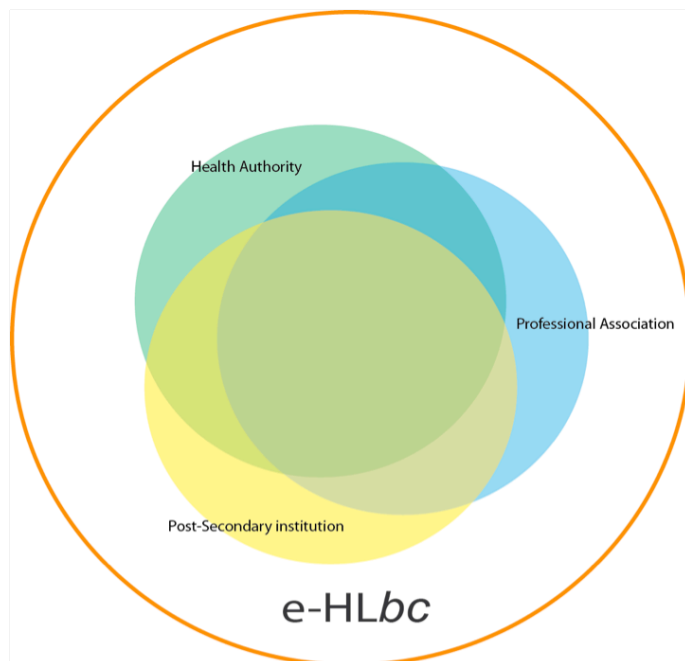
Plus: all residents of British Columbia and Yukon benefit by having health practitioners with access to high-quality health resources.

What is the value of e-HLbc?

[Regional cost savings]

Before e-HLbc, students, faculty, and practitioners were often licensed to access health databases through more than one institution.

For example, health practitioners were covered by licenses through their health authority, their professional association and, if they were clinical faculty, a post-secondary institution. This resulted in duplicate or triplicate costs. Licensing at the provincial level eliminates duplication of expenditures, saving money.



[e-HLbc eliminates redundant duplicate and triplicate licenses for individuals, freeing valuable resources for other needs.

[Organizational cost savings]

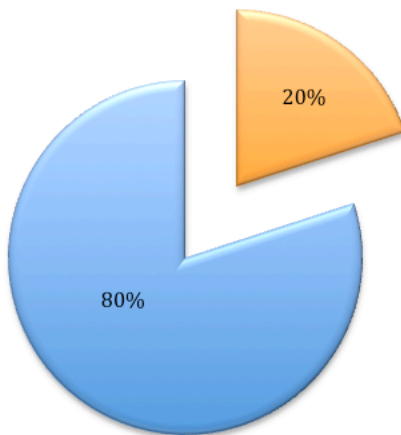
By licensing for 41 organizations across BC and Yukon, e-HLbc leverages larger numbers to garner better pricing for members. In 2011/12 members enjoyed discounts negotiated through e-HLbc.

- American Psychological Association – 20% off of retail price
- EBSCO – 50 – 55% off of retail price
- Ovid – 45 – 90% off of retail price

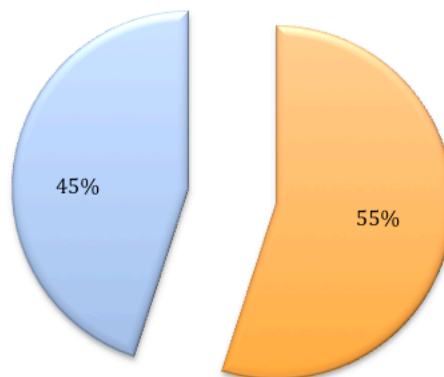
■ Savings

■ Cost

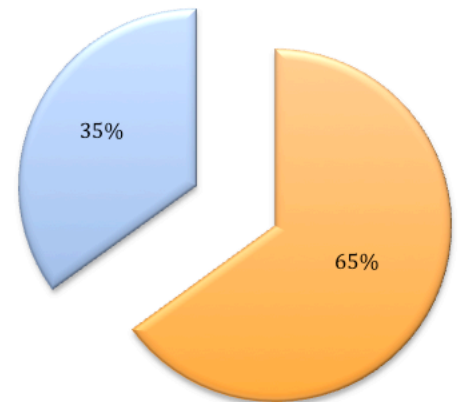
APA Discount



Ebsco Discount



Ovid Discount



[Resource savings]

e-HLbc provides a service that saves organizations valuable resources and staffing time by decreasing members' interlibrary loan costs as well as reducing staff time spent on negotiations, marketing, and technical support. Resources saved by working through e-HLbc leave busy staff free to do what they do best – assist patrons and support their organization.

Essential Partners

[BC Academic Health Council]

www.bcahc.ca

The BC Academic Health Council (BCAHC) is a federation of independent and publicly funded health care and post-secondary organizations in BC, as well as related government ministries. It functions primarily as a networking and facilitating agency. The BCAHC coordinates and administers collaborative initiatives in order to optimize the effectiveness of relationships among health practitioners, health educators, and health researchers and their respective organizations.

e-*HLbc* was formed in response to a 2003 meeting convened by BCAHC, which examined the benefits of a provincial health library consortium. BCAHC remains the host institution of e-*HLbc*.



[BC Electronic Library Network]

www.eln.bc.ca

The e-*HLbc* Management Committee and the BC Academic Health Council selected the BC Electronic Library Network (BC ELN) to serve as the Administrative Centre for e-*HLbc*. BC ELN provides services to e-*HLbc* including project management, license negotiations, and communications.

[Members]

The individual and collective ongoing contributions of librarians and administrators from the post-secondary and health care sectors continue to make e-*HLbc* flourish.

Governance

As an initiative of the BC Academic Health Council accountable to its Board of Directors, e-HLbc is governed by Management and Steering Committees that are composed of representatives from member organizations. The grassroots engagement and active participation of members is critical to the success of e-HLbc. With the expertise, passion, and commitment of Management and Steering Committee members guiding the consortium, e-HLbc will continue to meet the existing and changing needs of health learners, practitioners, educators, and researchers across British Columbia and Yukon.

[Mission]

e-HLbc: Providing the British Columbia post-secondary and health care community with consistent, high quality, cost-effective, and equitable health library resources that support and improve practice, education, and research.

[Vision]

From Students to Professionals: A British Columbia with excellent and equitable access to trusted health information.

[Goals]

Collaborative: Grounded in the conviction that we are stronger together, e-HLbc is committed to collaboration within and across BC's government, health, and post-secondary sectors.

Proactive: e-HLbc uses innovative and imaginative solutions that transform and improve the delivery of quality health information resources and services.

Responsive: Always adaptable and flexible, e-HLbc responds efficiently to members' needs and to larger changes in the evolving health information delivery environment.

Equitable: Committed to the belief that all health students, researchers, and practitioners deserve access to quality information no matter their home institution or location, e-HLbc supplies services to members based on the principles of balance and fairness.

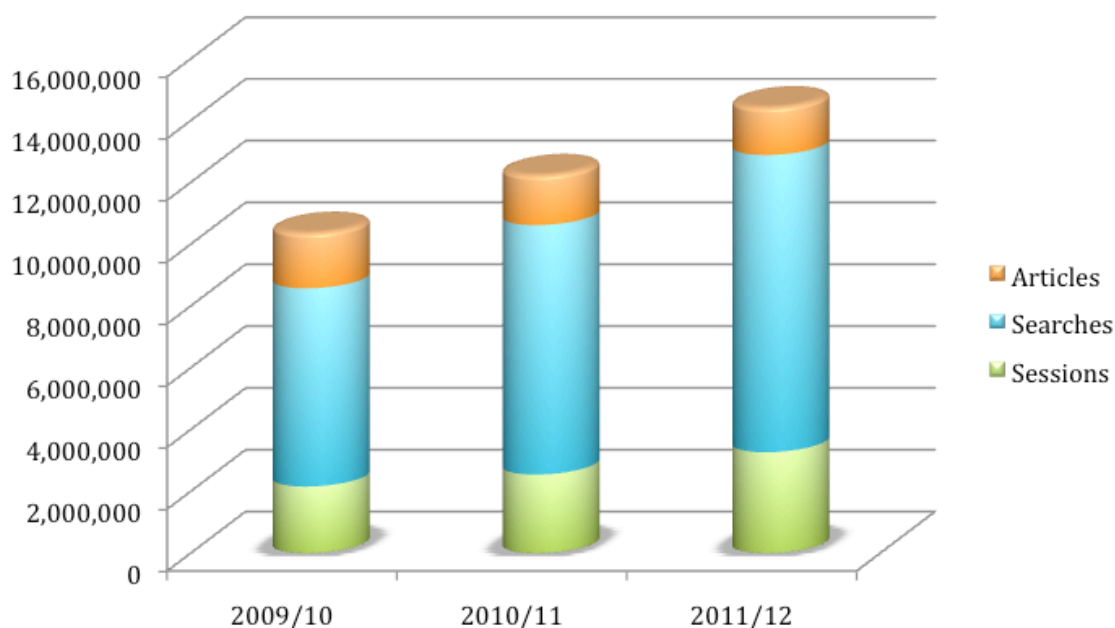
Accountable: Using open and transparent business practices, e-HLbc provides full accountability to funders, members, and stakeholders with integrity.

Sustainable: By finding innovative and efficient ways to provide services and control costs, e-HLbc ensures its continuing improvement and ongoing viability.

2 [Achievements & Value Added]

Use of e-Resources

Users at e-HLbc member institutions continue to benefit from having access to e-HLbc's core suite of resources. Consortial use statistics affirm the ongoing relevance of e-HLbc databases. Compared to last year, members have seen increases in the amounts patrons have used and searched e-HLbc resources.



[From April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012]

- 3,263,660 sessions were executed on e-HLbc databases
- 9,680,559 searches were performed using e-HLbc databases
- 1,537,752 full text articles were retrieved from e-HLbc databases
- \$0.42 = Cost per session
- \$0.14 = Cost per search
- \$0.90 = Cost per full text viewed

Core Renewal

The core resource suite with vendors EBSCO and Ovid was due for renewal April 1, 2012. e-HLbc staff was able to negotiate reasonable pricing increases for the 2012 – 2015 core suite licensing cycle. Once pricing was finalized for the core suite, a case for renewal was developed in order to communicate the value e-HLbc brings to member organizations as well as the three-year costs member institutions may expect. The Administrative Centre received confirmation of continuing commitment of e-HLbc members for the next three years of the Core Suite.



New Website

The new e-HLbc website was launched in the Fall. The site brings together all the information that members need to know about e-HLbc resources, trials, membership, governance, news, and events. The site also features a new layout and improved navigation and usability. It increases the ease of sharing, storing, and accessing e-HLbc information and encourages interactivity. The website has been designed through a structured process that included extensive user consultation and an Expressions of Interest process to select the design firm, Raised Eyebrow.

CVHL Membership

The Canadian Virtual Health Library (CVHL) is a collaboration between provincial and regional health library consortia and national professional organizations. Its aim is to generate cost savings for consortia and to maximize access to resources and services for all Canadian health library users by coordinating national health information licenses and services. e-HLbc engaged in a thorough and deliberate process to gather information about the CVHL initiative in order to effectively evaluate the value of becoming network subscribers.

After an analysis of the proposed aims and structure of CVHL as well as the national and provincial environment for health information licensing, e-HLbc has become a Network Subscriber to CVHL.

3 [The Year Ahead]

Members & Collaborations

e-HLbc will continue to actively encourage potential new members, striving to expand and diversify its membership. Similarly, e-HLbc is seeking out new collaborative ventures with other consortia, with the aim of providing additional value and resources to members, and to strengthen its position as a leader in post-secondary and health information communities.

e-HLbc will revisit the membership structure, in order to maintain a strong membership community. This will allow e-HLbc to maintain low-cost access across the province for its members.



CVHL Offers



e-HLbc will continue to develop an active relationship with the Canadian Virtual Health Library. As a Network Subscriber, e-HLbc will work with CVHL to deliver greater value at less cost and will coordinate trials and licensing of electronic resources, to which members may opt in.

British Columbia Institute of Technology, Fraser Health Authority and Camosun College

Ebooks

As e-HLbc expands, it remains crucial to continue to provide new resources in order to support growth of research in BC. Ebooks offer a new area of electronic resources, which are increasingly in demand at member libraries, as patrons become more familiar with the technology. e-HLbc will begin researching and negotiating the possibility of offering e-books to members.

Boutique Licensing

Consortium members may opt-in or out of boutique resources, as their priorities and budget dictate. Participation is not required.

Currently, e-HLbc offers four boutique resources. e-HLbc is actively working towards collaborations with consortia such as BC Electronic Library Network (BC ELN), the Health Knowledge Network (HKN) and others in order to offer further value and selection in boutique resources. Boutique licenses are typically negotiated for a one-year term.



Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey Campus

[Boutique Resources]

Canadian Health Research Collection

Electronic Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties (e-CPS)

e-Therapeutics+

SPORTDiscus with Full Text

4 [Regional Impact of the Loss of e-HLbc]

e-HLbc provides the entire BC and Yukon post-secondary and health care community with regional, consistent, high quality, cost-effective, and equitable health library resources that support and improve practice, education, and research. Without e-HLbc, health and post-secondary libraries across the province would be severely impacted.

Increased Costs

Licensing a core suite of health resources for both the post-secondary and health sectors allows e-HLbc to leverage larger numbers to garner substantial discounts on expensive health information resources. Without e-HLbc, individual institutional costs would rise significantly.

[Provincial Health Services Authority, University of Victoria, and College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC



Loss of equity

Through e-HLbc, all health practitioners and students in the region have access to the same set of health information resources. Since costs for licensing these resources would rise significantly were institutions licensing these materials individually, without e-HLbc many health authorities and smaller post-secondary institutions would find licensing these critical resources impossible. Health learners, practitioners, educators and researchers at these organizations would be deprived of key health information, resulting in a negative impact on students' learning outcomes and patient care.



Justice Institute of BC, New Westminster Campus

Decreased collaboration between health and post-secondary sectors

e-HLbc serves as a major strategic forum for effective collaboration, partnership and leadership by library leaders in health care and education. Without e-HLbc, there would be no forum to communicate, develop consensus on strategic planning, and identify strategies for achieving those objectives.

6 [e-HLbc Members]

Members

BC Association of Kinesiologists *
BC Association of Speech Language
Pathologists and Audiologists *
BC Institute of Technology
Camosun College
Capilano University
College of New Caledonia
College of Physicians & Surgeons of BC
College of the Rockies
Douglas College
Fraser Health Authority
Interior Health Authority
Justice Institute of British Columbia
Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Langara College
Massage Therapists' Association of BC *
Ministry of Advanced Education
Ministry of Children and Family Development
Ministry of Health
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
North Island College
Northern Health Authority
Northern Lights College
Northwest Community College
Okanagan College
Physiotherapy Association of BC *
Provincial Health Services Authority
Royal Roads University
Selkirk College
Simon Fraser University
Thompson Rivers University
Trinity Western University
University of British Columbia
University of Northern British Columbia
University of the Fraser Valley
University of Victoria
Vancouver Coastal Health Authority
Vancouver Community College
Vancouver Island Health Authority
Vancouver Island University
WorkSafeBC *
Yukon College *
Yukon Health and Social Services *

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As of March 31, 2012

7 [Resources]

Core Suite Resources

Biomedical Reference Collection

Provides access to full text journals covering such disciplines as clinical medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, pre-clinical sciences and the health care system.

CINAHL with Full Text

Provides indexing for 2,818 journals from the fields of nursing and allied health.

Evidence Based Medicine Reviews

A definitive resource in evidence based medicine, includes Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews.

LWW Total Access Collection

A complete collection of over 200 journals that specialize in such areas as medicine, nursing and life sciences.

MEDLINE with Full Text

The world's most comprehensive source of full text for medical journals, providing full text for more than 1,370 journals of the most used journals indexed in MEDLINE.

Ovid Medline

Contains approximately 12 million references to journal articles in life sciences with a concentration on biomedicine.

PsycARTICLES

A definitive source of full text, peer-reviewed scholarly and scientific articles in psychology.

PsycINFO

Contains nearly 2.3 million citations and summaries of scholarly journal articles, book chapters, books, and dissertations, all in psychology and related disciplines.

Boutique Resources

Canadian Health Research Collection

A collection of monograph publications from Canadian research institutes, government agencies and university centres working in the area of health and medical research.

Electronic Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties (e-CPS)

CPhA's online Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties provides health care professionals with web access to the most current Canadian drug information available.

e-Therapeutics+

Canada's authoritative source for prescribing and managing drug therapy at the point of care.

SPORTDiscus with Full Text

The most comprehensive, bibliographic database covering sport, physical fitness, exercise, sports medicine, sports science, physical education, kinesiology, and more.