

Hand-out from the AMWA-DVC 2005 Getting Started in Medical Writing Workshop

Resources for New Medical Writers

General Resources

Education

AMWA: credit and non credit courses in writing, medicine, and medical writing offered at annual and regional conferences (www.amwa.org) (Delaware Valley Chapter has a regional conference each April); also offers several CD-ROM-based courses.

University of the Sciences of Philadelphia: Master of Science in biomedical writing (www.usip.edu/graduate/biomedwriting)

Books

Style Guides

American Medical Association Manual of Style, 9th edition. Baltimore, MD et al.: Williams & Wilkins; 1998. www.wilkins.com, 800-638-0672.

Chicago Manual of Style, 14th edition. Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press; 1993. www.press.uchicago.edu.

Schwager E. *Medical English Usage and Abusage*. Phoenix, AZ, Oryx Press; 1991. www.greenwood.com, 800-225-5800.

Swanson E. *Mathematics into Type*. Providence, RI: American Mathematical Society; 1999. www.ams.org.

About Medical Writing

Bonk RJ. *Medical Writing in Drug Development: A Practical Guide for Pharmaceutical Research*, Haworth Press; 1998. www.haworthpressinc.com.

Gastel B. *The Healthwriter's Handbook*, 2nd ed. University of Iowa Press; 2004.

Lang T, Secic M. *How to Report Statistics in Medicine: Annotated Guidelines for Authors, Editors and Reviewers*. American College of Physicians; 1997.

Willis. *Medical Terminology: A Programmed Learning Approach to the Language of Health Care*. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. www.lww.com.

About Writing

Zinsser W. *On Writing Well*, sixth edition. New York, NY: Harper Perennial; 1998. www.harpercollins.com.

Strunk W, White E.B. *The Elements of Style*, fourth edition. Boston et al: Allyn and Bacon; 2000. www.abacon.com.

Plotnik A. *The Elements of Editing: A Modern Guide for Editors and Journalists*. New York, NY: Collier Books; 1982. www.abacon.com.

Zinsser W. *On Writing Well*, sixth edition. New York, NY: Harper Perennial; 1998. www.harpercollins.com.

Medical Dictionaries

Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary, 28th edition. Philadelphia et al.: W.B. Saunders Company, 1994.
www.harcourthealth.com/WBS.

Stedman's Medical Dictionary, 26th edition. Baltimore, et al: Williams & Wilkins. www.lww.com.

Articles

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Web Sites

Medical Writing

AMWA-DVC: Toolkit for New Medical Writers: www.amwa.dvc.org

Government

National Institutes of Health: <http://www.nih.gov/>

Pub Med (searchable database of journal articles): <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>

Medline Plus: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/>

Food and Drug Administration: <http://www.fda.gov/>

European Medicines Evaluation Agency: <http://www.emea.eu.int/>

General Medical Reference

Mayo Clinic.com: <http://www.mayoclinic.com/>

Web MD: <http://www.webmd.com/>

The Merck Manual: <http://www.merck.com/mrkshared/mmanual/home.jsp>

General Reference

Research-It: <http://www.itools.com/>

Sharp Writer: <http://www.sharpwriter.com/>

Writer's Digest (how to books): <http://www.writersdigest.com/>

Associations and Societies

Board of Editors in the Life Sciences: <http://www.bels.org/>

Council of Biology Editors: <http://writing.colostate.edu/references/sources/cbe/index.cfm>

Drug Information Association: <http://www.diahome.org/docs/index.cfm>

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America: <http://www.phrma.org/>

Disease-specific associations (a wealth of information) For example, American Heart Association:
<http://www.americanheart.org>

Local Resources

College of Physicians of Philadelphia, Library and Wood Institute: <http://www.collphyphil.org/libwood.htm>

Delaware Academy of Medicine: <http://www.delamed.org/>

Drexel University, Health Sciences Libraries: <http://med.library.drexel.edu/>

Penn State University College of Medicine, George T. Harrell Library: <http://www.hmc.psu.edu/library>

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM), O. J. Snyder Memorial Library:

<http://www.pcom.edu/Library/library.html>

Temple University, Health Sciences Center Libraries: <http://eclipse.hsclib.temple.edu/>

Thomas Jefferson University, Scott Memorial Library: <http://jeffline.jefferson.edu/>

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), University Libraries:

<http://www.umdnj.edu/librweb/index.html>

University of Pennsylvania: Biomedical Library: <http://www.library.upenn.edu/biomed>; Dental Medicine

Library: <http://www.library.upenn.edu/dental>; Veterinary Medicine Library:

<http://www.library.upenn.edu/vet>

University of the Sciences of Philadelphia, J.W. England Library: <http://www.usp.edu/library>

Web Portals

JEFFSelects (Thomas Jefferson University): <http://jeffline.jefferson.edu/SML/JEFFSelects>

Includes the Directory of Local Government Health Departments:

<http://jeffline.jefferson.edu/SML/JEFFSelects/community/healthdepts.html>

Health Related Internet Resources (College of Physicians of Philadelphia):

<http://www.collphyphil.org/resources.html>

Weblinks for Healthcare Professionals (Delaware Academy of Medicine):

<http://www.delamed.org/delamed/pages/plsweblinks.html>

Also available is Consumer Weblinks: <http://www.delamed.org/delamed/pages/chlswelinks.html>

Subject/Internet Guides (Drexel University): <http://www.library.drexel.edu/resources/ereference.html>

Links (Penn State University): <http://www.hmc.psu.edu/library/links/index.htm>

Internet Guides (PCOM): http://www.pcom.edu/Library/Internet_Guides/internet_guides.html

Selected Internet Resources (UMDNJ): <http://www.umdnj.edu/librweb/resources.html>

Clinical Medicine (University of Pennsylvania):

<http://www.library.upenn.edu/cgi-bin/res/sr.cgi?community=13&>

Subscription Resources

MD Consult (Subscription): <http://www.mdconsult.com/>

Harrison's Online (Subscription): <http://harrisons.accessmedicine.com/>

STAT! Ref (Subscription): <http://www.statref.com/>

Other Web Resources

Full-text journals: <http://www.welch.jhu.edu/eresources/ejournals.cfm>

Cyber Café List of Free Journals (Thomas Jefferson University):
<http://aisr2.jefferson.edu/cfdocs/ejls/public/index.cfm>

Freelance Resources

Books

Bly RW. *Secrets of a Freelance Writer: How to Make \$85,000 a Year*, New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, 1990. www.henryholt.com, 888-330-8477.

Faux M. *Successful Freelancing: The Complete Guide to Establishing and Running Any Kind of Freelance Business*, New York, NY: St. Martin's Press, 1982. www.stmartins.com.

Kopelman A. *National Writers Union Guide to Freelance Rates & Standard Practice*. New York, NY, 1995. www.NWU.com, 212-254-0279; NWU@netcom.com.

Articles

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