Resources and Tutorials for Medical Students

There are a vast number of resources that are accessible from the Health Sciences Library’s homepage, http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/. On the right of the page you will see a list of Top Resources. Use these to gain access to the listed databases/indices.

Below are tutorial links for resources selected from the Top Resources list (above). A handful of other relevant resources are also included:

Access Medicine provides full text to several electronic medical textbooks. View online videos covering select medical topics. A simple search box feature is available to type your query: http://accessmedicine.mhmedical.com/

CLIO (Columbia Library’s Catalog)

Cochrane Library is a database which features systematic reviews in many subject areas. From the link below you can select ‘Cochrane Library—an introduction; Cochrane Library—Search & MeSH’:
http://www.cochranelibrary.com/help/how-to-use-cochrane-library.html

DynaMed Plus is a point-of-care tool with clinically-organized summaries on more than 3,200 topics and updated daily. A tutorial video is available at:

Embase is a comprehensive biomedical literature database, based in Amsterdam. It may be accessed here: http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio10876993
Tutorials for Embase are available at:
http://help.elsevier.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/4686/p/9754/c/9540,9542

Ovid Medline is a biomedical database similar to PubMed, but presented on another search platform. Tutorials are available at http://www.ovid.com/site/support/training.jsp

PubMed is a biomedical database produced by the National Library of Medicine. See ‘Quick Tours’ for brief tutorials of this database; visit the tutorials for MeSH—Medical Subject Headings, and My NCBI to help you save searches and organize your search results.
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/disted/pubmed.html#qtex

Up-To-Date is an online subscription-based clinical resource, mostly in internal medicine, that is updated frequently by new information found in primary (journal) literature. Tutorial videos are available at:
http://www.uptodate.com/home/online-tutorials
Web of Science provides information in the sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities; for brief tutorials on how to use this platform, click the following link:
http://wokinfo.com/training_support/training/

Other resources:

Assistance for Medical Students on Clinical Rotation: In addition to personalized reference service from the reference librarians the following resources can help you successfully navigate your rotations. Each specialty has classic resources that serve as practical bibles for now and the rest of your professional career; they may be textbooks, handbooks, or favorite databases and online collections. Click on the following link to access both electronic and physical copies of these titles.
http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/medical-students-clinical-rotations

Learning at your own pace tutorials: Additional tutorials are available at this link from the Health Sciences Library’s Homepage http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/learning-your-pace-tutorials

Citation Management Tools: These tools help students organize and cite references when writing papers; learn more about Endnote, Mendeley, Papers, F1000, Zotero at this link:
http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/citation-management-tools

Lynda.com (A gateway to a variety of tutorials):
http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio9489955

Obtaining materials:

Locate the full-text of articles with Columbia e-link; learn more here:
http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/understanding-elink -
If e-link doesn’t work you may make your request for articles and books at this link:
http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/how-get-resources-other-libraries

Study spaces:

Find a Study Room:
http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/find-study-room
http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/library-floorplan

To reserve a group study room:
http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/book-group-study-room

Additional Assistance:

Visit the Health Sciences Library’s Homepage at: http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/ and select links under ‘Ask a Question’ section to:
• Get an email response: http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/ask-question
• Drop in during on-call hours or reserve time with an Informationist:
  http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/informationist-availability