Columbia University Medical Center celebrated another graduation this May: 162 graduates with an MD degree and 66 with a PhD. Out of the 2013 class of MDs, 22 percent will continue all or part of their residency here and 38 percent will remain in New York State for residency. Learn more at: http://tinyurl.com/peg2ryb

As always at this time of the year, we wish our graduates best of luck in their new ventures and we get ready to welcome our incoming students.

We most often think of CUMC researchers’ permanent record of participation in scientific communication as research papers in scholarly journals. However, CUMC researchers publish an impressive number of letters to the editor in journals. In 2013 CUMC researchers had 161 letters published (six letters were published in Circulation, seven in Lancet, three in JAMA, and six in The New England Journal of Medicine.) Letters from CUMC researchers were included in such journals as Heart Rhythm, Health Affairs and the Saudi Medical Journal. It is noteworthy that researchers take the time and care to write these letters. And perhaps we should give letters more significance as they are well indexed in MEDLINE and are included in Web of Knowledge.

Although research articles and reviews figure most importantly in journal evaluations, I also keep track of non-article publications. If one of our community takes the time to write a letter to the editor of a journal, it shows that the journal has a significant place in the researcher’s work. To put letters in a broader perspective, it is striking to see the commitment of the CUMC to speak to the larger biomedical community.

/Susan Klimley, Electronic Resources Librarian

Check it out! A large collection of standard texts from Harrison’s to Goodman and Gilman and the Current Diagnosis and Treatment series is just a click away in Access Medicine. Each title will have a CLIO record soon. Until that happens, access is available from the Access Medicine website: http://tinyurl.com/gocfjk

Diagnosaurus, a differential diagnosis tool, is also included in the resource: http://tinyurl.com/nq48dtw
ENCRYPTED USB KEYS FOR SALE

The DataTraveler is compatible with Windows and Macintosh computers, and provides a link to Show Contact Information if it is lost so the original owner can be contacted.

As with most encryption methods, when a file is moved off of the drive it is decrypted and no longer protected. Be sure to delete any files from a computer that doesn’t provide its own method of encryption if you have moved it from the USB key in order to edit it.

Instructions on using the Kingston DataTraveler are provided on a PDF stored on the USB key itself, as well as on the CUMC IT website at http://tinyurl.com/pd56ugy.

SUPPORT FOR MAC OS 10.8 MOUNTAIN LION

The latest version of Macintosh’s OS X, Mountain Lion, is now supported by CUMC IT. While it was known to be compatible with most Medical Center resources for a while now, it was only recently confirmed to work with additional commonly used programs.

In general, it can take some time to thoroughly test recently released versions of an operating system, so we advise students, faculty and staff to wait before upgrading. At this point in time, Windows 8 is still not supported.

TPM EXPLAINED

Our computer recommendations include making sure that a Windows computer has “TPM 1.2” for security purposes. What this specifically means is that the computer will be able to use pre-boot authentication with the Windows native encryption program, BitLocker. Pre-boot authentication simply adds a layer of security to a computer as it starts up, requiring that the encryption password is entered before the operating system loads. It is required for any computer that stores data classified as confidential or sensitive.

TPM itself stands for Trusted Platform Module, referring to a special microchip installed on a computer that stores cryptographic information including encryption keys. It may be possible to use BitLocker’s pre-boot authentication without TPM 1.2 but it is more complicated to set up and run. Microsoft’s website has an overview of TPM and BitLocker at http://tinyurl.com/ovge2x9.

While many students may not be required to use pre-boot authentication, there is full information on Encryption Requirements at https://secure.cumc.columbia.edu/cumcit/secure/policy/encrypt.html and we encourage everyone to be aware of recommended encryption technologies and what is needed to use them.

REGULAR HOURS (FROM 9/4)

Mon. - Thurs. - 8:00 AM – 11:00 PM, Fri. - 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sat. - 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM, Sun. - 12:00 Noon – 11:00 PM

Walk-in Research Help: Mon. - Fri., 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
24 Hour Computer Room - 24 hours/7 days
After Hours Study Room - 24 hours/7 days

PH-17 Computer 8:00 AM - 2:00 AM