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AIDS BIBLIOGRAPHY

This *AIDS Bibliography* contains citations to all references from NLM's AIDSLINE® database for each calendar month.

Those wishing a detailed, scientific definition and classification of AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) are referred to the following publication:

1993 revised classification system for HIV infection and expanded surveillance case definition for AIDS among adolescents and adults. *MMWR* 1992 Dec 18;41(RR-17):1-19.

The *Bibliography* is arranged in three sections in a format similar to that used in the Library's *Index Medicus*®. In each Section, every journal article, monograph, and audiovisual is printed under one or more subject headings (*see* subject headings explanation on the following page). Subject headings are listed alphabetically. Under each subject heading, the references are grouped together by (1) general references for which no subject heading has been assigned and then (2) alphabetically by subheading. Under each subject heading or subheading, the entries are grouped according to the original language of the text, with the English-language items appearing first, followed by citations for works published in other languages, arranged alphabetically by language. Within each language group, the references are alphabetically ordered by journal title abbreviation or the title of the monograph or audiovisual.

Twice annually, in the June and December issues of *AIDS Bibliography*, a final section is included which lists all new serial titles on AIDS/HIV added within the previous six months.

SUBJECT HEADINGS

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In utilizing *MeSH* to assign subject headings, the analyst selects as many headings as are necessary to describe adequately the content of the journal article, book, or audiovisual. The most specific terms available in *MeSH* are always used. For example, an article discussing infection of AIDS patients with *Salmonella* would be indexed under the specific term "Salmonella Infections" and not the broader term "Bacterial Infections."

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In this *Bibliography*, subject headings are listed in alphabetical order with the relevant subheadings indented under each.

SEARCH STRATEGY

In August 1988 the National Library of Medicine created AIDSLINE[®], a new database containing references to scientific articles about AIDS. The articles covered the period 1980 to the present. Initially, AIDSLINE references were being drawn from NLM's MEDLINE[®] database. Beginning in April 1989 the new database was expanded with AIDS references from the Health Planning and Administration file, and CANCERLIT[®] references were added in June 1989. Citations from CATLINE[®] and AVLINE[®] were added in January 1991.

All of the items appearing in the *Bibliography* have been compiled from AIDSLINE. Health professionals and others who wish to access AIDSLINE or any of the other NLM databases may join the NLM network by requesting a user code. AIDSLINE may be searched directly from NLM as you would any of the other NLM databases. One important difference is that it is not necessary to enter any of the AIDS/HIV terms because all of the citations in the database are related to AIDS. For example, if you wished to search on the implications of AIDS/HIV for dentistry, you need only enter such terms as dental, dentist(s), dentistry, *etc.*

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If you have any questions on searching AIDSLINE or about the GRATEFUL MED program, please contact:

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