

About HEAL

The Health Education Assets Library (HEAL), at <http://www.healcentral.org/>, is a digital library of 21,000+ freely accessible multimedia teaching materials for the health sciences. As a non-commercial collaborative partnership, HEAL provides materials of the highest quality that meet the needs of today's health sciences educators and learners. There are currently over 6,000 active registered users of HEAL. HEAL is made possible by grants from the National Science Foundation and the National Library of Medicine; and the support of the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library at the University of Utah. Sharon Dennis, M.S., from the Eccles Library, and Sebastian Uijtdehaage, Ph.D., from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, are the co-directors of the project.

More information about HEAL, as well as free access to HEAL's Reviewed Collection and affiliate collections of health sciences educational resources, is available at <http://www.healcentral.org/>. We appreciate your interest and feedback.

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## Editorial Review Update

Thanks to a more efficient process and committed editorial staff, comprised of Kathryn Lovell, PhD; Carlos Baptista, MD, MS, PhD; Suzanne Stensaas, PhD, and Sebastian Uijtdehaage, PhD; the [HEAL Reviewed Collection](#) has grown considerably from 69 to 143 resources in less than 3 months. The efforts of HEAL reviewers have significantly reduced the number of submissions awaiting editorial approval.

A revised Review Policy has been posted to the HEAL site. It describes the standards and practices adhered to in the review process. The policy is available at: [http://www.healcentral.org/services/policies/HEAL\\_Editorial\\_Policy\\_v2.0.pdf](http://www.healcentral.org/services/policies/HEAL_Editorial_Policy_v2.0.pdf).

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New Publications

[Understanding Coagulation Disorders](#) from *Mark Braun, MD*, of the Indiana University School of Medicine - This tutorial is designed to aid medical students at all levels in understanding the laboratory diagnosis of disorders of coagulation. It includes introductory material on the basic laboratory tests, their general application and pitfalls in interpretation. The introduction is followed by a series of short clinical vignettes illustrating a variety of clotting disorders.

[Cultural Competency](#) from *Amy V. Blue, PhD*, of Medical University of South Carolina - This web site provides an overview of concepts and content related to cultural competency in health care: tips for providing culturally competent care, communication with patients, working with interpreters, traditional beliefs of primary ethnic groups in South Carolina, religious and spiritual issues, and resources. In addition, it outlines the cultural competency learning objectives and activities in the Medical University of South Carolina curriculum.

These resources are part of the [HEAL Reviewed Collection](#).

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