

# HEALWA Annual Report 2022



# HEALWA

The On Call Library for Washington State Practitioners



Dear HEALWA Stakeholders:


I am pleased to share with you the 2022 Annual Report for HEALWA. This is HEALWA's first communication with you since the pandemic ended, and I am excited and optimistic about the future of this evidence-based health information library program for eligible licensed Washington healthcare providers. Already, I am grateful for and collaborating with the Office of Health & Science to ensure that healthcare providers with responsibility for epidemiology, data, and science activities are accessing evidence-based health information resources. Patricia Devine is in her third year as HEALWA's Director and energized by those she is meeting with and looking forward to connecting with more of you in 2023 via social media and meetings.

There is important healthcare workforce development work to be done, and HEALWA is committed to work with state associations and other stakeholders to support the lifelong learning and health information literacy needs of clinicians, nurses, and allied health professionals. I would like to stress the important of elevating equitable digital access to evidence-based information throughout Washington State, shared-decision making between providers and patients, and combatting health misinformation. This past year HEALWA added access to the New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA and the suite of accompanying JAMA specialty journals. Also, HEALWA improved access to dermatology diagnostic tools via VisualDX's DermExpert.

On tap for the next year, 2023, we are following a variety of issues impacting healthcare including: telehealth; shared decision making; future pandemic preparedness; mental and behavioral health; and other priorities. We are prepared to work with Washington health professions associations, the state legislature and the Washington Department of Health to support current health information needs. HEALWA is working hard to elevate the priorities and will be a valuable resource to keep you current and provide you with an online library of health information resources via the HEALWA website at: <https://healwa.org>.

As we continue this important work of medical librarians to "improve the quality and availability of health information to healthcare providers in Washington," I encourage you to reach out to me directly at [bardyn@uw.edu](mailto:bardyn@uw.edu) to introduce yourself or to share any thoughts about the work that we will do together. We can also schedule time to meet virtually, should you prefer. Thank you for all you do and continue to make Washington a leader in equitable health information access and health workforce development.

Best Regards,



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## Vision

To be the provider of choice of current, authoritative clinical and educational information resources to every licensed healthcare provider in Washington State.

## Mission

HEALWA assures 24/7 online access to current authoritative clinical information and educational resources to eligible healthcare practitioners in Washington State. We do this in partnership with the Washington State Department of Health.

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## 2022 Highlights

- Exhibits:
  - Pacific NW Veterinary Conference to promote veterinary medicine resources and services
  - Washington Free and Charitable Care Conference (Washington Healthcare Access Alliance) in Yakima county
- Outreach to the Northwest Perioperative Nursing Consortium for training on evidence-based resources
- Met with the Chief Science Officer, Washington Department of Health, to promote HEALWA
- Collaboration with the Washington State Healthcare Authority to promote shared decision making tools and resources
- Successfully completed the Document Delivery Pilot Project and the service was well received by HEALWA users



## 2023 Focus Areas

- Increase access to veterinary medicine information resources
- Improve online access rural to health practitioners for behavioral health, pain management and suicide prevention
- Explore adding online continuing education resources
- Make site visits to State health professions associations and schools
- Conduct outreach to rural and underserved communities and professions in Benton, Franklin, Yakima, Klickitat, Walla Walla, and Columbia counties

## New Resources in HEALWA



The NEW ENGLAND  
JOURNAL of MEDICINE

**New England Journal of Medicine**  
added to the collection



**Derm Expert app for clinicians**  
added to our VisualDX subscription

## HEALWA Eligible Professions

- Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners
- Chiropractors
- Dietitians
- East Asian Medicine Practitioners
- Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists
- Marriage & Family Therapy Associates
- Licensed Practical Nurses
- Massage Therapists
- Mental Health Counselors
- Midwives
- Naturopathic Physicians
- Nutritionists
- Occupational Therapists
- Occupational Therapy Assistants
- Optometric Physicians
- Osteopathic Physicians
- Osteopathic Physician Assistants
- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Podiatric Physicians
- Psychologists
- Registered Nurses
- Social Workers
- Clinical Social Work Associates
- Speech Language Pathologists
- Veterinarians
- Veterinary Technicians





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