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GPO is in partnership with the U.S. National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health to provide enhanced public access to:

- Medical Subject Heading (MeSH), the National Library of Medicine's controlled vocabulary thesaurus
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- *NLM LocatorPlus,* which allows for searching of the collections of the National Library of Medicine

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# Sampling of Employee Backgrounds

- Library & Information
   Science
- Medicine
- Computer Science
- Bioinformatics
- Information Technology
- Mathematics
- Engineering



- Molecular Biology
- Linguistics
- Toxicology
- History
- Liberal Arts



# Examples of Research & Development

- Personal health record
- Disaster management info & communication
- Tools to study genes and their role in disease
- The Visible Human Project

# What makes us different from many biomedical reference services?

- Large volume
  - Over 100,000 questions
- Answering questions regarding our own products and services
- Supporting those products and services
- Feedback into product improvement
- Diverse and international customers
- Many first-time, one-time customers asking repetitive questions

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## **Reference and Customer Service**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> level - Contract Staff

- First line defense for customer service
- 15 minute limit
- Telephone & e-mail
- Handle 66% of all questions from offsite
- Refer others to reference staff

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> level - Reference Staff

- Provide expert service
- Create & modify tools
- Reference questions from NLM staff
- Special projects

### Questions!

I would like to find the longest surviving renal transplant patient. I am aware of a patient transplanted in April 1971 and would like to know if any are known to have survived longer, urology.

Would you please help me find a list of all allowed CC/MCC Complication comorbidities and major CC's. I've found the list of DRGs, just not the list of cc/mccs.

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# All kinds of questions!

Can I sell my body after I die

If a person has one testicle will he get one baby girl

Can the "near" operator be used in a PubMed search? If so, can you please describe how to use the operator (for example, should the word 'NEAR' or 'N' be used?) and what does the functionality do (for example, does 'NEAR' finds hits within 3 words?)?

The bride is middle-aged, newly wed and is about to lose her groom. She had no history of snoring prior to being married. She has tried "everything" including surgery. Could she be allergic to her husband? Could this be psychological because she married for convenience?





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# **Resources:** Clinical Trials



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# Resources: Environmental Health



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# Questions?

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