

## WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

### Collection Development Policy Statement

**SUBJECT:** Geriatrics

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#### UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

Geriatrics became a department in Wright State's Boonshoft School of Medicine in 2006. The department offers instruction to medical students and continuing medical education for primary care physicians. Research interests include dementia in primary care settings, use of telemedicine in nursing homes, and end of life issues. Department web site: <http://www.med.wright.edu/geri/>.

Prior to 2006, Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology was a Division in the School of Medicine's Department of Community Health.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

##### National Library of Medicine classification

WT	Geriatrics. Chronic Disease
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##### Library of Congress classification

HQ1060-1064	Older People, Gerontology (social aspects), Retirement
RC952-954.6	Geriatrics

##### Superintendent of Documents classification

HE	Health and Human Services
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#### SCOPE OF COLLECTION

##### Dates covered: intellectual content

The emphasis of the collection is on recent developments in the field. Materials on the history of geriatrics are collected selectively.

##### Dates covered: publication dates

Most of the items collected are current imprints. Retrospective purchases (e.g., backfiles of a journal) may be made on occasion.

### **Geographic coverage**

The emphasis of the collection is on materials dealing with North America. Materials on geriatrics in other regions are collected selectively.

### **Language**

Materials are collected in English, including translations into English. Other languages may be included in the case of joint language publications where one of the languages is English.

### **Types of materials**

Monographic titles and serials are collected. Subscriptions to databases include those with citations to articles and those with full text. A list of databases relevant to geriatrics is available at <http://www.libraries.wright.edu/quicklinks/databases/subjects.php?id=30>.

### **Format**

Materials are collected in print and electronic format. Relevant videotapes and DVDs are also collected. Selected websites are included in the online catalog and on the online Medicine Research Guide (<http://www.libraries.wright.edu/services/researchguides/med/>).

### **Exclusions**

Example: Workbooks are generally not collected.

## **LOCATION OF MATERIALS**

The Fordham Health Sciences Library is the primary location for geriatrics materials. Materials on the social aspects of aging and gerontology are primarily located in the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library. Older and infrequently-used materials are located in the Southwest Regional Depository.

## **INTERDISCIPLINARY RELATIONSHIPS**

Selection of materials in geriatrics may overlap with many specialty areas in clinical medicine, as well as with anthropology, psychology, social work, and sociology.

## **LOCAL AND REGIONAL RESOURCES**

### **Local and regional collections**

Most of the Wright State affiliated hospital libraries (<http://www.libraries.wright.edu/about/affiliates/index.html>) have materials on geriatrics. OhioLINK (<http://www.ohiolink.edu/>) member health sciences libraries at Ohio State University and University of Cincinnati have collections in geriatrics. Miami University, also an OhioLINK member, offers graduate programs in gerontology.

### **Cooperative loan arrangements**

OhioLINK provides access to circulating materials collected by most academic libraries in Ohio.

OhioLINK membership also provides Wright State with membership in the Center for Research Libraries, which enables faculty, staff, and students to obtain Center materials through interlibrary loan.