Case Study

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How one librarian streamlined searching, using Ovid® Discovery

Learn how you can use Ovid Discovery to simplify user access to all the electronic resources at your institution.

Karen Richardson, System Librarian at the Royal College of Physicians (RCP), wanted to empower users to be able to search journals, databases, and books in one place.

The challenge:

To find a customized platform solution that would meet the needs of all their users. RCP's previous solution involved using a full-text finder, a separate website for books and searching a database on a third site. RCP needed a powerful yet "easily searchable platform with the ability to search at article level, but more importantly the ability to search all of our eJournals and eBooks at once."

The solution: A centralized search experience

After looking at several information aggregators, RCP chose Ovid Discovery, primarily for its ease of use, as well as how customizable the landing page is. Ovid Discovery offers several customization options, functionality, and tools, such as precise medical searching through a MeSH® controlled vocabulary thesaurus, a Library Resources A-Z search, and a mobile-friendly interface.

Ovid's Support team worked closely with Karen to create a customized configuration of Ovid Discovery that worked best for RCP's users. For example, adding saved searches and bookmarks to the landing page were very well received. Ovid Support continues to add resources, helping Karen to save time.

"Having access to all of our online resources (databases, eJournals, and eBooks) really helped our users find what they were looking for."

 Karen Richardson,
Systems Librarian, Royal College of Physicians

About RCP

Founded in 1518 by a Royal Charter from King Henry VIII, the Royal College of Physicians of London is the oldest medical college in England. It continues to play a pivotal role in raising standards and shaping public health today. It is an independent patient-centered and clinically led organization, that drives improvement in the diagnosis of disease, the care of individual patients, and the health of the whole population both in the UK and across the globe.



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About Ovid® Discovery:

Ovid Discovery - a software solution developed in partnership with TDNet - is the next generation of complete discovery-to-delivery solution: the world's most advanced discovery platform developed specifically for health, biomedical, and pharmaceutical electronic libraries, helping solve the growing challenges of the digital library.

Providing your users with a single-search, 'one-stop shop' portal functionality and one of the most advanced linking tools in the industry, covering in one solution all your institution's research needs.

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