

Acpjc.org adds enhanced searching to many other features

Visits to www.acpjc.org, the Web version of *ACP Journal Club*, are picking up as subscribers come to realize its many advantages. The basic benefits are these:

- **Publication ahead of print.** Abstracts and commentaries are all available approximately 2 weeks before they appear in the print edition.
- **PDFs.** This recently added feature is convenient for stuffing key items in your pocket or making copies for presentations and teaching, exactly as they appear in the printed version of *ACP Journal Club*.
- **Links.** PubMed links are provided for each article reviewed or cited. PubMed, in turn, provides links to the full-text journal article, a “Related Articles” automated search feature, and many other resources.
- **Searchable database.** For the past decade, acpjc.org has provided the highest-quality, most relevant, and highest interest-rated articles for internal medicine and its subspecialties.

The Web site is being continuously upgraded. The newest feature is an enhanced search engine, with the following features:

- **Simpler interface.** There is only one search form, not a basic and advanced search.
- **Searching by article topic types.** *ACP Journal Club* classifies articles according to their objective, using the categories therapeutics, diagnosis, prognosis, clinical prediction, etiology, economics, quality improvement, editorials, Resource Corners, Practice Corners, and letters. Most clinical searches are for treatment options, with diagnosis, prognosis, and etiology being the next most frequent topics. The search screen now allows you to specify exactly which of these topics you are interested in (with the default set at “All”).
- **Exact-phrase matching.** Just put a key phrase in quotes (e.g., “deep venous thrombosis”), and the search will retrieve articles with that exact phrase.

- **Synonyms.** With “synonyms” turned on, you can use any term you like—including clots, phlebitis, thrombosis, thrombophlebitis—and abbreviations, such as DVT, and have a successful search. The synonym list is automatically on, but you can turn it off if you wish, by unmarking the check box on the search screen.
- **Search feedback.** You will be informed if you try to search using words that the search engine can’t handle (“stop words”) or that don’t appear in *ACP Journal Club* so you can amend your search accordingly.
- **Faster performance.** Try it!

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Please note that *ACP Journal Club* content is also available on Ovid as part of its Evidence-Based Medicine Reviews service. There, *ACP Journal Club* is integrated with several other evidence-based publications. However, many of the other features noted above are not available as yet through Ovid.

Watch for more enhancements that are on the way, including e-mailed table of contents, searching according to a clinical content map, and links to other ACP publications and resources. Meanwhile, check out the new and enhanced search engine and other features at www.acpjc.org.

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Campaign to revitalize academic medicine

A group of medical journals led by the BMJ are undertaking to help identify opportunities and address the problems of academic medicine. Peter Tugwell, a rheumatologist, clinical epidemiologist, and former chair of medicine at the University of Ottawa, is coordinating the project, which will “bring people together to debate whether the existing structure of academic medicine is still fundamentally sound and, if not, to propose alternatives to it” (1).

Views from all quarters—doctors, patients, other stakeholders, and the public—are avidly sought, along with nominations of self or others to engage in the process. Thus, all readers are invited to read the inaugural editorial (1) and interact with the campaign’s new Web site (<http://bmj.bmjournals.com/academicmedicine/>).

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1. Tugwell P. Campaign to revitalise academic medicine kicks off. We need a deep and broad international debate to begin. *BMJ*. 2004;328:597. <http://bmj.bmjournals.com/cgi/content/full/328/7440/597>