

# Finding Aid Survey

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The History of Medicine Division of the National Library of Medicine is planning a major update of its finding aid database (<http://oculus.nlm.nih.gov/cgi/f/findaid/findaid-idx?page=home;c=nlmfindaid;cc=nlmfindaid>) which currently provides the framework for access to NLM's modern manuscripts collections. A finding aid is a tool used by archivists to provide contextual information about collections along with detailed inventories to help researchers locate relevant materials.

We invite you to take part in a brief survey so we may better understand your current use of NLM's finding aid database and what new features you would wish this resource to offer in the future.

This survey has been approved by the National Library of Medicine's Survey Review process and responses will be anonymous.

This survey will remain open until December 2, 2013. Thank you for your participation.

### \*1. How would you describe yourself professionally (please check all that apply)

- Librarian/Archivist
- Historian (or other scholar)
- Health Care Professional
- Educator
- College/Graduate Student
- Other (please describe)

### \*2. How frequently do you visit this site?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Less often than quarterly

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## \*3. How do you access the site?

- Desktop computer
- Laptop
- Tablet
- Mobile device

## \*4. How did you discover the site/finding aids?

- Google
- Bing
- Wikipedia
- NLM Site Search
- LocatorPlus
- PubMed
- Other (please describe)

## \*5. What is your overall satisfaction with this site?

- Extremely Satisfied
- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- Not Satisfied
- Extremely dissatisfied

## \*6. How easy was the site to use?

- Extremely Easy
- Very Easy
- Easy
- Difficult
- Very Difficult

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## \*7. How easy was it to navigate the finding aids themselves?

- Extremely Easy
- Very Easy
- Easy
- Difficult
- Very Difficult

## 8. If you had navigation difficulties, please explain:

## \*9. How valuable is the search feature?

- Extremely Valuable
- Very Valuable
- Valuable
- Not Very Valuable
- Not Valuable At All

## \*10. How valuable is the browse feature (browse by creator/title/subject)?

- Extremely Valuable
- Very Valuable
- Valuable
- Not Very Valuable
- Not Valuable At All

## \*11. How valuable is the Bookbag/shopping cart feature?

- Extremely Valuable
- Very Valuable
- Valuable
- Not Very Valuable
- Not Valuable At All

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**\*12. Would you like a persistent Bookbag/shopping cart feature, i.e. have the ability to create a virtual research space to store search results and finding aids that you could return to?**

- Yes
- No

**13. If yes, would you like the ability to make the shopping cart private/public?**

- Yes
- No

**\*14. How valuable would it be to have a social tagging/commenting feature?**

- Extremely Valuable
- Very Valuable
- Valuable
- Not Very Valuable
- Not Valuable At All

**15. If valuable, would you like the ability to make tags/comments private/public?**

- Yes
- No

**\*16. How valuable is accessing digitized collection content directly from the finding aid?**

- Extremely Valuable
- Very Valuable
- Valuable
- Not Very Valuable
- Not Valuable At All

**17. What do you like most about the site?**

**18. What do you like least about the site?**

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**19. What feature(s) would you most like to see in a future version of the site?**

**20. What new types of information would you most like to see included in the finding aids?**

**21. Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**