**Report to SAC from Barbara Bushman, NLM Liaison**

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## COVID-19

Some NLM staff have returned on site, including those performing functions related to collection management. However, due to building renovations, many staff are still on maximum telework. NLM remains closed to public visits at this time.

## Personnel

Tina Shrader was appointed Head of the Cataloging & Metadata Management Section and began her new role on April 10, 2022. Tina had been serving as a Unit Head in the section since 2013.

## MeSH Update

No Update

## NLM Classification Update

### Scope of Revision of the 2022 Winter Edition

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The major focus of the 2022 winter edition of the [*NLM Classification*](https://classification.nlm.nih.gov/) was the evaluation of the 2022 MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) vocabulary for inclusion in the Classification index. Several additions and changes were made to the Index and Schedules based on this review. All main index headings are linked to the 2022 vocabulary in the MeSH Browser. Additional minor updates were made to the Index and Schedules. See the NLM Technical Bulletin for additional details at <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/jf22/jf22_nlm_classification_winter_2022.html>

## Summary Statistics for the 2022 Winter Edition

* 14 New Class Numbers
* 32 Modified Class Numbers
* 3 Canceled Class Numbers
* 1 New Schedule Header
* 2 Modified Schedule Headers
* 2 Deleted Schedule Headers
* 37 New Index Headings (33 from 2022 MeSH)
* 80 Modified Index Headings
* 1 Deleted Index Heading

## Examples of Additions and Changes Based on MeSH 2022

### New 2022 Headings Added to Index by Tree (and Related Maintenance)

Of the 277 new 2022 MeSH descriptors, only 33 were added to the NLM Classification index. Below is a selected list by MeSH tree category in addition to any other classification maintenance done. See <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/jf22/jf22_nlm_classification_winter_2022.html> for the complete list.

Anatomy [A]

* Vestibular System – new class number created: WL 701 Vestibular system

Analytical, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Techniques, and Equipment [E]

* Cellular Automata
* Hospital to Home Transition
* Medicine, Persian – new class number created: WB 55.P4 Persian medicine
* Myofascial Release Therapy
* Vaccine Development – new class number created: QW 810 Vaccine development

Psychiatry and Psychology [F]

* Cognitive Psychology
* Mentalization-Based Therapy – new class number created: WM 420.5.M5 Mentalization-based therapy
* Vaccination Hesitancy

Disciplines and Occupations [H]

* Genomic Medicine - Genomic medicine added to caption at WB 102.7
* Geroscience
* Translational Science, Biomedical

Anthropology, Education, Sociology, and Social Phenomena [I]

* Child Poverty
* Community Resources
* Environmental Justice
* Ethnic and Racial Minorities
* Health Inequities
* Home Environment
* Hunting – new class number created: QT 260.5.H9
* Rugby – new class number created: QT 260.5.R7
* Social Structure

### Main Index Headings Changes Based on MeSH 2022

Of the 22 MeSH headings that were changed only 13 affected the NLM Classification.

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| **2021 MESH** | **2022 MESH** |
| African Continental Ancestry Group | Blacks |
| Asian Continental Ancestry Group  | Asians |
| Cingulata | Xenarthra |
| Continental Population Groups | Racial Groups |
| Dental Models  | Models, Dental |
| \*Ethnic Groups | Ethnicity |
| European Continental Ancestry Group | Whites |
| Fermented Foods and Beverages | Fermented Foods |
| Hispanic Americans  | Hispanic or Latino |
| Immunosuppression | Immunosuppression Therapy |
| Insectivora | Eulipotyphla |
| Oceanic Ancestry Group | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |
| Translational Medical Research  | Translational Research, Biomedical |

\*Note: Ethnic Groups was deleted from the Classification index rather than changed to Ethnicity.

### List of All Class Numbers Canceled for the 2022 Winter Edition

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| **Canceled Number** | **Class Name** |
| WB 700 | Medical geography. Geography of disease (General) |
| WB 710 | Diseases of geographic areas ([Table G](https://classification.nlm.nih.gov/tableg)) |
| WB 720 | Diseases of ethnic groups (General or not elsewhere classified) |

## 2022 Summer Edition

The 2022 summer version will be published in late August 2022. It will encompass the systematic review of WF (Respiratory System) and WH (Hemic and Lymphatic Systems) schedules.