

Library launches simple search tool

Launching into a quest for medical information requires that the searcher knows the relevant resources to explore. This can be a significant stumbling block, especially for busy clinicians who use online resources only occasionally. As part of the College's new web site, the library has implemented a simple search tool that helps physicians discover valuable clinical information quickly without necessarily knowing the intricacies of a database's interface or even of its existence.

This tool, known as a federated search engine, takes the form of search

boxes displayed on various pages of the library's web site. For example, on the library's home page, the user enters a query into the search box and, with the click of the search button, the query is sent to numerous electronic resources, including bibliographic databases such as MEDLINE, PsycINFO, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews; the library's online catalogue; and selected web sites with high-quality material (e.g., clinical practice guidelines and patient information). Results are displayed by relevance. Whenever the results point to a journal article, links to the full text document are provided if the library subscribes to that journal. The federated search boxes on other pages of

the library's site are filtered to particular resources. For example, searching from the "books" page limits the results to electronic books to which the library subscribes as well as materials listed in the catalogue.

We envision this as a simple tool for uncovering high-quality material: Google-like ease but more precisely focused. College members are welcome to provide feedback using the survey on the library's web site, www.cpsbc.ca/library.

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Dr Edward John Gray 1926–2008

John Gray died in November in the VGH Leukemia unit after a very short illness. It was particularly difficult to accept as only a few days before his passing he was active both mentally and physically, enjoying life. He is survived by his wife Doris Kavanagh-Gray, his three children, Cynthia Nicholas of Aurora, Ontario, Jay Gray of Whistler, Andrea Gray of Vancouver, and six grandchildren.

John was born in Vancouver, the son of a practising Vancouver physician. He was a football star both at Vancouver College, where he received his early education, and at UBC, where he received his BA. His favorite summer break job was working on the Union steamships plying their way up and down the west coast. He went to University of Ottawa, where he not only received his medical degree but met the love of his life, his wife for 54 years, Doris Kavanagh. Following

specialty training in general surgery at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, he returned to Vancouver to practise at St. Paul's Hospital, where his father had practised before him. He was a past president of the Vancouver Medical Association and was honored by the Vancouver medical community by being named Prince of Good Fellows. In his last 10 years of practice he entered administration, being appointed vice president of medicine at St. Paul's.

John had varied interests: downhill and cross-country skiing, fly fishing, ballroom dancing, and in his earlier years, boating. On retirement he and Doris traveled extensively, cruising about the globe, visiting many countries, and cycling around Europe, often taking grandchildren with them. On their organized bike tours they took great pride in never having to resort to being picked up by the trailing minivan as many of the much younger bikers did. John loved music of almost every genre, be it jazz, big

band, or classical. He took delight in rousing his overnight guests at his favorite retreat at Whistler with the sounds of the massed drums and brass of the Grenadier Guards and Royal Marines Band piped through the chalet.

He read extensively and was always ready with an apropos quote from some major thinker or wit.

His interest and strong opinions on political matters—local, provincial, federal, or international—invariably led to entertaining and lively discussions with his friends.

John loved his life, his home, and his family, and he often said that he hoped he passed before his wife as he could not imagine life without Doris at his side. His wife, his family, and his friends now have to face life without him. It is not easy, but the satisfaction of having had him as part of our lives brings some consolation.

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