



# Health Sciences Information Service (HSIS)

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HSIS is the main medical library for the state of Alaska. Along with its new Alaskan-motif logo (bear paw/hand/with Big Dipper\*) HSIS introduces this newsletter in order to acquaint Library users with services offered, new book purchases, and other items of interest. Because of the frequent rotation of health professionals, we find that many people are unaware of the existence of the medical library in Alaska. Others may not know, for example, that HSIS is now able to e-mail requested articles.

We plan to update this page on a monthly basis, and we welcome any comments, questions or suggestions you may have.

**Q: I'd like to keep up with the literature in my field, but there's so MUCH of it--is there a way for me to at least scan tables of contents of journals and select particular articles to read?**

**YES:** This service allows patrons to view the table of contents of selected journals. HSIS will provide copies of articles requested from the table of contents.

**To begin this service:**

Select titles from HSIS' list of journal subscriptions (actively received titles only, which are indicated by an open

hyphen (for example, JAMA 142-1965-). Complete the table of contents service request form. Allow approximately four weeks for the initial processing of your request.

To obtain articles from this service, either circle the page number(s) of the article(s) you would like to read and return the page(s) to HSIS or use the

online form. The articles you select will be mailed in batches once a month.

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## Oldest disease? leprosy

Cases of leprosy were described in ancient Egypt as early as 1,350 B.C. Tuberculosis schistosomiasis, an infectious disease of the liver and kidneys, has also been seen in Egyptian mummies from the 20<sup>th</sup> dynasty (1,250-1,000 B.C.).

(Guinness World Records  
<http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/>)

## \*Bear Paw:

The most powerful of the healing animals to the indigenous people of North America, the bear is considered to be the gatherer of the first medicines and communicator of the knowledge of healing. Bears are among the strongest spirit protectors. To the Zuni, the word for bear and doctor are the same. Bear is really a person.



Happy Holidays