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Are you a medical librarian, faced with the challenge of acquiring, licensing, and managing the electronic access and use of books and journals for your patrons? How do you decide which electronic resources to add to your collection? Are there licensing issues to consider? What about remote access and publisher liability? How do you compile statistics or negotiate consortial packages? How can you consolidate costs while providing adequate access? Certainly any medical librarian, whether working in a hospital setting (academic or public) or working for a government health association, has had to consider these issues, and many more, at one time.

*Electronic resources* is a helpful compilation of ten papers written by various authors working in a variety of library settings, albeit mostly medical, from not only the United States, but also Latin America, Qatar, and the Caribbean. Some articles describe the issues they are facing, while other offer solutions. As the reader will find out, due to the impact of the Internet, many medical libraries around the world are facing very similar issues when it comes to providing online access to electronic resources for their patrons.

Each of the ten chapters, listed in the table of contents, begins with a brief summary paragraph and pertinent keywords for searching in case the reader desires to search online for the article. Author credentials and contact information are also included, as are co-indexing entry notes from Haworth. A section listing major indexing and abstracting services for easy bibliographic success is located in the front of the book. Haworth also provides a listing of electronic aggregator and link resolver services with which they work. *Electronic resources* is a wonderful professional guide for academic and medical librarians.

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