MEDLARS® PRICING SCHEDULE-DOMESTIC & NON-U.S.CHARGES

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PART 1: LEASING TAPE COPIES OF NLM DATABASES

The following is a listing of annual license fees for databases available from NLM.

There are no use charges; however, unless otherwise noted, in addition to the annual license fee, licensees in foreign countries, licensees whose databases run on computers outside the U.S., or domestic licensees who provide data outside the U.S. are subject to a surcharge. See page 5, Additional Fees, for details.

DATABASE		ANNUAL LICENSE FEE
AIDSDRUGS	–	No annual license fee or foreign surcharge. AIDSDRUGS and AIDSTRIALS are leased together.
AIDSLINE®	–	No annual license fee or foreign surcharge.
AIDSTRIALS	–	No annual license fee or foreign surcharge. AIDSDRUGS and AIDSTRIALS are leased together.
AVLINE®	–	$1,000 current year: updated monthly. $1,000 one time fee for base file (up to current year). Foreign surcharge does not apply. Available in MARC-compatible format only.
BIOETHICSLINE®	–	$1,000
CANCERLIT®	–	$3,000; however, NLM licenses CANCERLIT only to official International MEDLARS Centers. All other prospective licensees of CANCERLIT should contact NCI (National Cancer Institute) R.A. Bloch International Cancer Information Center 9030 Old Georgetown Road Bethesda, MD 20852 (301) 496-7406
CATLINE®	–	$6,000 current year: updated weekly. -or- $4,000 current year: updated monthly. $3,000 one-time fee for base file (1965 up to the current year). $3,000 one time fee for retrospective file (pre-1965). Foreign surcharge does not apply. Available in MARC-compatible format only.

DATABASE		ANNUAL LICENSE FEE
CHEMICAL CARCINOGENESIS RESEARCH INFORMATION SYSTEM (CCRIS)	–	$1,000
ChemID	–	$1,000 Licensees must make separate arrangements with two data suppliers in advance: U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc., and Cosmetic Toiletries and Fragrance Association.
CHEMLINE®	–	$1,000 plus royalties. CHEMLINE tape royalties are not paid to NLM but are negotiated with and paid directly to the file content provider, Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS). Licensees must make separate arrangements with CAS in advance.
DEVELOPMENTAL AND REPRODUCTIVE TOXICOLOGY (DART™)	–	$1,000
DIRLINE	–	No annual license fee or foreign surcharge.
ENVIRONMENTAL TERATOLOGY INFORMATION CENTER BACKFILE (ETICBACK)	–	$1,000
GENE-TOX	–	$1,000
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES DATA BANK (HSDB®)	–	$2,500 The Emergency Medical Treatment (EMT) field in HSDB is not distributed in the leased database.
HealthSTAR	–	$3,000
HISTLINE®	–	$1,000
MEDLINE®	–	Current Year (1996) data: $9,000 weekly updates –OR– $5,000 monthly updates Older data: licensees requesting older data must select one of the 6 groupings of years as shown below.

Fees	Years of Publication
$1,750.00	1993 – 1995
$1,750.00	1990 – 1995
$3,500.00	1985 – 1995
$5,250.00	1980 – 1995
$5,250.00	1975 – 1995
$7,000.00	1966 – 1995

DATABASE		ANNUAL LICENSE FEE
MeSH VOCABULARY FILE®	–	$1,000 on tape (no charge with MEDLINE). Foreign surcharge does not apply. No license or fee applies if the data are used for translation purposes only. Available in ELHILL Unit Record Format (EURF) or MARC-compatible format. EURF is updated either monthly (to receive newly added supplementary chemical records) or annually; MARC format is updated annually and does not contain the supplementary chemical records. The National Library of Medicine also makes certain MeSH data available at no charge on the Internet. See page 6 for additional information.
PDQ®	–	Available from NCI. All prospective domestic and non-U.S. licensees of PDQ should contact NCI (National Cancer Institute): R.A. Bloch International Cancer Information Center 9030 Old Georgetown Road Bethesda, MD 20852 (301) 496-7406
POPLINE®	–	$2,000
REGISTRY OF TOXIC EFFECTS OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES (RTECS®)	–	Available from NTIS. Prospective domestic and non-U.S. licensees of RTECS should contact NTIS (National Technical Information Service): NTIS 5285 Port Royal Road Springfield, VA 22161 (703) 487-4650
SDILINE®	–	$5,000 updated monthly (if leased separately from MEDLINE).
SERLINE®	–	$1,000. Foreign surcharge does not apply. Certain SERLINE data elements related to holdings information are not distributed in the leased database. Certain SERLINE data are also available at no charge on the Internet. See page 6 for additional information.
SPACELINE	–	$1,000

DATABASE		ANNUAL LICENSE FEE
TOXIC CHEMICAL RELEASE INVENTORY (TRI87, TRI88, TRI89, TRI90, TRI91, TRI92 and TRI93)	–	Available from NTIS. Prospective domestic and non-U.S. licensees of TRI should contact NTIS (National Technical Information Service): NTIS 5285 Port Royal Road Springfield, VA 22161 (703) 487-4650
TOXLINE® & TOXLINE65	–	$2,500 plus royalties for the current file (1981 through the current year). $2,500 plus royalties for the backfile (1965-80). The NIOSHTIC subfile produced by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is not distributed in the leased databases. There are tape royalties for TOXLINE and TOXLINE65 which must be negotiated with and paid directly to two of the file content providers, Biological Abstracts, Incorporated (BIOSIS) and the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists (ASHP). Licensees must make separate arrangements with those data suppliers in advance. There are two leasing options available for TOXLINE and TOXLINE65: 1. all subfiles except NIOSHTIC; 2. all subfiles except NIOSHTIC, BIOSIS, and IPA. The charges are the same because the same number of update tapes are sent. Please specify which TOXLINE version is to be licensed.
TOXLIT® & TOXLIT65	–	$2,500 plus royalties for the current file (1981 through the current year). $2,500 plus royalties for the backfile (1965-80) There are tape royalties for TOXLIT and TOXLIT65 which are not paid to NLM but are negotiated with and paid directly to the file content provider, Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS). Licensees must make separate arrangements with CAS in advance.
TOXNET® Databases & Databanks	–	See individual database names: CCRIS, DART, ETICBACK, GENE-TOX, HSDB, RTECS, TRI.

ADDITIONAL FEES:

1. Surcharge - foreign users, as non-U.S. taxpayers, pay a surcharge that represents their proportional share of the costs of creating the National Library of Medicine databases. Foreign users include licensees in foreign countries, licensees whose databases run on computers outside the U.S., or domestic licensees who provide data outside the U.S. The surcharge is as follows:

   a. Online systems (including the Internet) and networked CD-ROMs or other storage media that may serve 26 or more concurrent users: The algorithm for calculating the surcharge, based on the number of connect hours, online characters transmitted, and citations printed offline remains at $2.50/connect hour, $0.02/1,000 characters transmitted, and $0.02/citation printed offline. Licensees will report the sum of this algorithm, but will pay only 75% of these charges. [Licensees may propose an alternative to the NLM algorithm for calculating the foreign surcharge.]

   b. Single user, non-networked CD-ROMs - $50.00 per subscription.

   c. Online systems or networked CD-ROMs or other storage media that may serve 25 or fewer concurrent users: Licensees may choose either the algorithm listed above in Item 1.a. including the 25% reduction OR $200.00 per concurrent user based on the maximum number of concurrent users that the system can support.

   NOTES:

   1. For portions of a MEDLARS file used in a licensee's system/product:
      a. MEDLINE: if a licensee's system/product contains fewer than 12,000 citations from each corresponding year of MEDLINE, then no surcharge is due.
      b. For MEDLARS files other than MEDLINE: if fewer than 25% of the records in the leased file is used each year in a licensee's system/product, then no surcharge is due.

   2. For full databases other than MEDLINE:
      a. When provided along side a MEDLINE product available through a customer's local area network, no surcharge is due. The surcharge for MEDLINE does apply.
      b. When provided as separate products not on a local area network, the surcharge listed above applies.
      c. When provided with no MEDLINE product, the surcharge listed above applies.

2. Non-recurring "personal use" subsets.

   One-time retrieval from the current year and/or older data; limited to 150,000 citations; no updates; data must be leased directly from NLM; applicable for domestic licensees only. Cost is $500.00.

3. Sample data

   A sample tape is available upon written request for a fee of $50.00 for domestic and $62.50 for non-U.S. requests. (There is no fee for AIDSDRUGS/AIDSTRIALS, AIDSLINE, or DIRLINE sample tapes.) MeSH data in MARC-compatible format is available via ftp at no charge (see page 6).

4. GENER format

   If Current Year MEDLINE (SDILINE) data are supplied in GENER format, there is an extra, annual flat-rate fee of $1,000.00 for domestic licensees and $1,250.00 for non-U.S. licensees.

5. Replacement tapes

Replacement tapes cost $75.00/tape for domestic licensees and $93.75/tape for non-U.S. licensees.

MEDLARS DATA ON THE INTERNET

1. MeSH TREES FILE:

The National Library of Medicine makes its annual Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) with their associated hierarchical tree numbers (referred to as the "Trees file") available over the Internet. The file contains only MeSH Headings with tree numbers. For those without Internet access, the Trees file is available on a 3.5" DOS diskette. There is no charge or license required for either version. The Trees file may be obtained by anonymous ftp from the host nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov in directory /online as MTREES96.ZIP. This compressed file contains the trees data file as well as the documentation and terms/conditions statement. For those without Internet access, requests for the diskette, documentation and terms/conditions statement should be sent to: Ms. Jane L. Rosov, MEDLARS Management Section, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD 20894 (fax: 301-496-0822).

2. MeSH in MARC-COMPATIBLE FORMAT:

MeSH in MARC-compatible format is available via ftp at no cost. Sample MeSH MARC data may be obtained by anonymous ftp from the host nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov in the directory /nlminfo/agreements/leased/mesh. Read the readme file first. A license agreement is required to ftp the full MARC file unless it's for translation purposes only.

3. SERLINE DATA:

Certain SERLINE data are available via ftp at no cost. Tagged information, sorted alphabetically by the title of the journal, may be obtained by anonymous ftp from the host nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov in the directory /online/journals. There are six files, each beginning with the name "List of Serials Indexed - Tagged Data:". A license agreement is not required to ftp these data.

PLEASE DIRECT ANY LEASING QUESTIONS TO:

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A National Library of Medicine data leasing information packet is available from the address listed above and also may be obtained by anonymous ftp from the host nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov in the directory /online/agreements/leased/license.

PART 2: ONLINE ACCESS TO THE NLM DATABASES

Online charges are calculated by using an algorithm which includes connect hour charges and charges for search statements, citations, computer resources (i.e., disk accesses), and characters transmitted to the user's terminal. The charges remain the same regardless of time of day. Reduced charges approximating 50% of regular online rates are available under the NLM Student Code Program.

NON-U.S. USERS: In addition to the algorithm a foreign surcharge applies for online access to NLM by users outside the U.S. The surcharge is $0.75/connect hour and $0.02/1,000 characters transmitted (the equivalent of $3.75/hour for users transmitting 125,000 characters/hour) which represents a 25% reduction from the surcharge rate prior to Oct. 1, 1994. There is a $0.10/page surcharge for offline print pages (or a $0.10/2,000 characters surcharge for automatic SDIs disseminated via ftp).

The following is a listing of the NLM ELHILL databases that are available online at NLM and charged according to the algorithm that is presented in detail at the end of Part 2. The foreign surcharge does not apply for AIDSDRUGS, AIDSLINE, AIDSTRIALS, AVLINE, CATLINE, DIRLINE, DOCUSER®, MeSH, and SERLINE.

NLM ELHILL DATABASES*

AVLINE®	MEDLINE® and BACKFILES
BIOETHICSLINE®	MeSH VOCABULARY FILE®
CANCERLIT®	POPLINE®
CATLINE®	SDILINE®
ChemID®	SERLINE®
DENTALPROJ™	SPACELINE
HealthSTAR	TOXLINE® & TOXLINE65
HISTLINE®	

*Additional ELHILL databases charged at differing rates, as well as PDQ and the TOXNET databases and databanks, are listed below.

The following databases are exceptions to the pricing algorithm:

AIDSDRUGS, AIDSLINE, AIDSTRIALS, DIRLINE, DOCUSER® – No charges.

ALERT & LOAN STATUS – The charges for citations and characters do not apply.

CHEMLINE® – Effective January 1, 1996:
For domestic users, CHEMLINE royalty charges of $0.68 per online citation and $1.01 per search statement are added to the algorithm. Offline page charges of $1.83 per page include $1.53 per page royalty. Royalty charges are subject to change without advance notice.

For non-U.S. users, effective January 1988, NLM negotiates with and collects royalties for the Chemical Abstracts Service for CHEMLINE from the non-U.S. Online Center.

PDQ®	–	A flat-rate of $18.00/hour is charged.
	–	Effective January 1, 1996:
TOXLIT® & TOXLIT65	–	For domestic users, TOXLIT royalty charges of $1.14 per online citation and $1.72 per search statement are added to the basic online algorithm. Offline page charges of $2.98 per page include $2.68 per page royalty. Royalty charges are subject to change without advance notice.
TOXNET® Databases & Databanks	–	These files include CCRIS, DART, EMIC, EMICBACK, ETICBACK, GENE-TOX, HSDB, IRIS, RTECS, TRI and TRIFACTS. The algorithm used to price online searching on these files approximates the ELHILL algorithm.