Library Policy Statements
Pharmacology

I. PROGRAM INFORMATION

Pharmacology is part of a conjoint graduate program in biomedical sciences involving a number of academic departments within the School of Medicine’s department of Tropical Medicine, Medical Microbiology and Pharmacology. The department offers requisite course work for students in the School of Medicine, and offers the MS and PhD degrees. Much of the faculty teaching load relates to required courses within the medical school and the School of Nursing. On occasion, medical school students jointly pursue a graduate degree within the program.

Traditionally, the greatest interests in drugs have been with the health professions. Today, however, knowledge of pharmacology and the allied field of toxicology are relevant to all segments of society.

II. COORDINATION OF COLLECTING RESPONSIBILITIES

The field of pharmacology overlaps with almost every other biomedical science, most especially physiology, biochemistry, chemistry, and medicine.

Publications of the National Institutes of Health and other medically related government publications are available in the Government Documents Collection.

The collections at several of the hospital libraries act as a supplementary resource for the more clinically oriented journals not held by Hamilton Library.

III. GUIDELINES TO MATERIALS COLLECTED OR EXCLUDED

Language:
English language material predominates. A few Japanese and European language materials are also collected.

**Chronological:**

Acquisition emphasis is almost exclusively on current (past five years) research publications. The knowledge base upon which the field of pharmacology is founded changes very rapidly.

**Geographic:**

No relevant.

**Date of Publication:**

Current.

**Types/Formats of Materials Collected:**

Monographs on current research in the field; conference proceedings; handbooks, dictionaries and pharmacopias; indexes, abstracts and bibliographies (paper/electronic); periodicals (online access preferred); and government documents. Excluded are most textbooks, manuscripts, reprints of articles from serials, house organs and newsletters; and non-UH dissertations.

**Treatment:**

Bibliographical; reference; statistical and mathematical; legal, ethical and medical aspects; reports of scientific experimental results.

**IV. GIFTS**

Books that document scholarly research and university-level textbooks no more than five years old may be accepted. Gifts in other formats that are relevant to the research or instruction mission of pharmacology will also be reviewed. Popular magazines, short journal runs, materials that duplicate items already in our collections, and materials in poor condition
generally are not accepted. Contact the librarian who collects for pharmacology (http://www.hawaii.edu/reference.html) to discuss the nature, extent and timing of your donation. Gifts of archival materials that relate to the history of the university should be discussed with the University Archives (http://libweb.hawaii.edu/libdept/archives/).

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