

## VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (VHA) NATIONAL CORE COLLECTION OF ONLINE RESOURCES



### LIBRARY NETWORK OFFICE

The Library Network Office (LNO) works in conjunction with the VA Library Network (VALNET) and VHA Program Offices to select the appropriate resources to include in the National Core Collection. The availability of the National Core Collection at an enterprise-level ensures consistent availability of the knowledge-based information resources to all VHA staff.

The National Core Collection is a dynamic collection of online library resources, available to all VHA employees, to support and enhance the quality of care provided to Veterans, their caregivers and their family members. The collection provides VHA staff with access to a consistent set of online resources and supplements the collections of individual VA Medical Center libraries.

The **VHA National Desktop Library**, at <http://www.va.gov/Library>, is a website that was designed to highlight the national resources along with other services and tools that are available to all VHA staff.

### AVAILABLE RESOURCES

The National Core Collection resources target a wide range of clinical disciplines, including psychiatry and nursing.

- **Online Journals:** Access to 4,500 journals.
- **Online Books:** Access to over 8,000 books.
- **Online Databases:** Access to 25 databases.

### AVAILABLE SERVICES

The VHA National Desktop Library website provides additional services that are available to all VHA employees:

- Links to online tutorials and specially recorded VA training sessions for the National Core Collection resources.
- Registration for **e-Alerts** that are delivered straight to your inbox:
  - Literature alerts keep you up-to-date on the latest developments in selected fields.
  - Tables of contents alerts direct you to articles in selected titles from the National Core Collection.

### GETTING STARTED

The National Core Collection can be accessed in one of the following ways:

- **VHA National Desktop Library Website** – at <http://www.va.gov/Library>.
- **Local VA Library** – provides access to the National Core Collection as well as resources and services available locally.
- **Athens Remote Access** – Most library resources can be accessed remotely through **Athens**, [http://www.va.gov/Library/Remote\\_Access.asp](http://www.va.gov/Library/Remote_Access.asp), a service that requires only one URL and one username/password. Note: You must be on the VA network to register for remote access.