

eHLbc Administrative Centre Report: January to June 2025

In addition to eHLbc's [Strategic Framework](#) work plan, the consortium captures key work and achievements via bi-annual progress reports.

Licensing Infrastructure Support

- Based on feedback from the eHLbc Chairs, completed the ongoing Licensing Terms & Conditions project with the finalization of the new Ovid Master License. The new license will be uploaded to ConsortiaManager at the start of the new Core Suite term in April 2026.
- Continued work in response to member concerns regarding new user interfaces from EBSCOHost and EBSCO Discovery Service.
- Updated the existing EBSCO UI Issues spreadsheet based on EBSCO's progress and documented progress on eHLbc's EBSCO UI page here: <https://ehlbc.ca/ebSCO-ui>.
- Attended and relayed information to members about the national Townhall meeting organized by the University of Toronto.
- Contributed existing issues spreadsheet to U of T's documentation to better represent eHLbc members.
 - Communicated the outcomes of the Townhall to eHLbc members, including vendor Q&A responses, U of T's new reporting form for further issues, and the new national issues spreadsheet.
- Responded to eHLbc member concerns around the volatile U.S. political situation:
 - Addressed potential impacts of tariffs on electronic resources, confirming there are currently none.
 - Through BC ELN's host institution, SFU, purchased U.S. dollars in advance for eHLbc's Core Suite, which provided price stability and shields members from rising exchange rates.
 - Continued negotiating set annual increases with our largest vendors.
 - Communicated with vendors about member concerns and worked to get ahead of any possible changes in content or pricing.

- Trained and supervised a new UBC iSchool Co-op student on ConsortiaManager and licensing renewals work.
- Participated in Consortia Canada and Western Consortia meetings to discuss licensing topics, among other issues of relevance to Canadian library consortia.

Maintain Core Suite of Resources

- Renewed the Core Suite for 2025-2026, the final term of the current agreement. The Core Suite consists of Biomedical Reference Collection, CINAHL Complete, eBooks Nursing Collection, Evidence Based Medicine Reviews, LWW Total Access Collection, MEDLINE with Full Text (including optional Medline COMPLETE upgrade), Ovid MEDLINE, PsycARTICLES, and PsycINFO.
- Successfully mitigated the outstanding Core Suite resource costs due to the departure of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC by utilizing the Core Suite subsidy – as a result, there were no increases to members’ base Core Suite costs.
- Advanced the renewal of the 2026-2030 Core Suite — a four-year bundle of licensed electronic resources that delivers significant cost savings for members — for the new license term starting April 1, 2026.
 - Core Suite Team met regularly to coordinate renewal activities.
- Confirmed the continuation of the existing cost-sharing model with Health Authority members.
- Shared results of the Core Suite Member Input Survey with all members, confirming strong support for renewing the bundle with no changes.
- Began work to update the Core Suite Web, a collection of informative webpages to support member organizations’ decision-making
- Updated and reorganized the Core Suite Schedules, including gathering total authorized user counts across provincial health, post-secondary, and government sectors.

Grow Collection of Opt-in Resources

- Renewed 12 boutique resources:
 - Alexander Street Press Online Videos

- DSM-5 Library – in collaboration with Consortia Canada
- PsychiatryOnline Core – in collaboration with Consortia Canada
- PsychiatryOnline Premium – in collaboration with Consortia Canada
- Psychotherapy Library – in collaboration with Consortia Canada
- Introductory Textbook of Psychiatry – in collaboration with Consortia Canada
- DynaMed
- Health Source Package (EBSCO)
- Nursing Reference Centre (EBSCO)
- MEDLINE Complete (optional upgrade to the Core Suite)
- MEDLINE Ultimate (optional upgrade to the Core Suite)
- CINAHL Ultimate (optional upgrade to the Core Suite)
- Continued work on updating the New Resource Selection Process:
 - Continued internal discussions and planning around the launch of the New Resource Selection pilot to source and negotiate new resources for eHLbc.
 - Performed an environmental scan of resource selection processes at consortia nationally and globally, to develop best practices from consortial colleagues.
 - Developed and deployed a New Resource Selection Process feedback survey to eHLbc members in February 2025, intended to capture member needs when revising the process.
 - Incorporated feedback on the process received from the February survey.
 - Finalized timeline for pilot launch in Fall 2025.
- Negotiated pricing for a potential new purchase offer/subscription offer for Primal Pictures/Anatomy.TV based on member feedback through 2023/24. Due to changes in member budgets in 2025, this did not become a formal offer via eHLbc but may be revisited in the future.

Empower and Support eHLbc Members

- Facilitated a strategic framework goal setting discussion with the eHLbc Management Committee; posted [updated framework](#) on the eHLbc website.
- Provided eHLbc members with troubleshooting and technical support for authentication or access issues, IP updates, and usage statistics.
- Met with The BC Association of Kinesiologists to discuss eHLbc membership.
- Delivered an eHLbc orientation session for new Nurse and Nurse Practitioners of BC staff.