Western Libraries
Collections Management Policy
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

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Purpose of the Collection:

The pathology collection of Western Libraries is intended to support the research activities of faculty, staff, and students at the undergraduate, M. Sc. and PhD levels. The collection also supports the instructional requirements of the Department at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Unless specified, collection in this area will focus on all aspects of pathology. The Allyn & Betty Taylor Library acquires materials, in print and electronic formats, supporting the research and instructional needs of the Pathology Department.

Program Information:

The Department offers a graduate program in Pathology for students at both the Master and PhD levels. It is recognized that there is also the Residency Program in Pathology as well as the Pathologists' Assistant program. Collections activity will ensure that these will also be taken into consideration.

Subject Areas Covered:

Collections activity will address all aspects of pathology but in particular focus on materials supporting the main research themes of the department that include transplantation, vascular biology, cancer, genetics, environmental pathology, and educational research. A more detailed listing of topics covered for both research and instruction can be found in the Appendix at the end of this document.

Format:

Acquisitions will include monographs, book series, and journals. Resources, particularly journals, in digital format are preferentially selected over their print counterparts. Alternate formats, such as CD-ROM, video, DVD, and microform, are considered on an individual request basis.

Language:

English is the primary language of collection in pathology with other languages being considered upon request.
Source of Publication:

Sources of publication are primarily Canada, the United States, Australia and Europe with the language restriction applied. Material published in other regions may be considered on request and will be evaluated for quality and relevance.

Date of publication:

Materials with a recent imprint date are preferred. Older material will be considered upon request.

Exclusions:

With the exception of individual requests and some selective acquisitions, the following types of material are not acquired:
- popular literature
- conference and symposium proceedings
- theses
- or dissertations from other institutions
- course
textbooks

Related collections and cooperation:

The collection for pathology is further supplemented by collection activities in related fields such as the basic medical sciences, biological sciences, clinical medical sciences, dentistry, health sciences and nursing.

Gifts:

The library gratefully accepts gifts of materials in good condition. As considerable expense is incurred by Western Libraries in the receipt and processing, the library only accepts gifts of materials which support current teaching and research needs, or which are not adequately represented in the collection.

Managing the Collection:

In order to ensure that collections remain optimally useful for our patrons, it is necessary to analyze collection usage and available space regularly. Items will need to be selectively removed from the onsite collection from time to time.

Duplicate items that are no longer required to support the curriculum, and damaged items that can no longer be replaced may be removed from the collection at the discretion of the Subject Librarian.
Items that are unique to Western may be transferred to a storage facility. Material housed in these storage facilities is available on request through the Library Catalogue.

Criteria for transfer selection include, but are not limited to, the following:

1) Outdated or previous editions of titles
2) Medium- to low-use items
3) Material that is available in alternate formats, i.e., online
4) Materials that would benefit from storage in a more controlled environment.

Consult with the Subject Librarian for further details about these criteria.

Resources to aid in acquisition of material:

The majority of monograph purchases for pathology are acquired through the use of a monographs profile with the book vendor Coutts. Also, there is weekly monitoring of titles through Doody’s Alerting Service. Finally, patrons have two avenues for becoming involved with the acquisition of materials. Firstly, they can make recommendations for the collection through the online form available at https://www.lib.uwo.ca/acquire.html. Secondly, through the Demand Driven Acquisition process, users can automatically trigger purchases of non-owned e-books listed in our catalogue dependent upon the frequency of access to the content.
Appendix – Detailed Subject Listing for Pathology

Subject areas in support of research:
AIDS dementia
Apoptosis
Bioinformatics
Biological markers with attention to immunomarkers
Blood vessel formation with attention to
  Angiogenesis
  Endothelial cells
  Vasculogenesis
Breast cancer
Cancer cell resistance to radiation and chemotherapy
Cancer genetics
Cardiovascular pathology with attention to
  Cardiomyocytes
  Diabetes induced cardiomyopathy
  Heart failure
  Sepsis-induced myocardial dysfunction
Cervical cancer with attention to
  Screening technologies
  Human papilloma virus
  HPV vaccination
Chemokine signaling
CNS tumours
Connexins
Diabetes & complications with attention to
  Cardiomyopathy
  Diabetic retinopathy
Environmental pathology
Epigenetics
Extracellular matrix proteins
Gastrointestinal pathology including
  Hepatic and pancreaticobiliary pathology
Gynecologic pathology Hemochromatosis
Intrauterine growth retardation Medical genetics with attention to
  Chromosome abnormalities
  Copy number alterations in inherited diseases
  Diagnostic genomic technologies
Metallothionein & metal binding proteins
Molecular Biology with attention to
  Methodology and protocols
Molecular genetics including cytogenetics
Monoamine neurotransmitters
Mucocutaneous diseases
Neurochemical pathology
Neurodegenerative diseases including
  Alzheimer's Disease
  Motor neuron disease with attention to
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
  Multiple sclerosis Parkinson’s disease
Neurofilament metabolism
Neuroinflammation with attention to Integrin-mediated neuroinflammation
Neuropathology
Oral pathology
Osteopontin
Preeclampsia
Quality assurance
Research in education
Salivary gland pathology
Spinal cord trauma
Stem cell biology with attention to
  Transplantation
  Vascular stem cells
Thyroid pathology
Toxicology with attention to
  Adverse drug reactions
  Endogenous and exogenous chemicals
  Metal toxicology
  Mitochondrial damage
  Neurotoxicity with attention to aluminum neurotoxicity
Oxidative stress Redox
  regulation
  Toxicity mechanisms
  Xenobiotics
Transplant pathology with attention to
  Allografts
Gene silencing
  Immune modulation
Rejection and tolerance siRNA therapy
  Transplant rejection
  Xenotransplantation
Tumor progression and metastasis with attention to
Immune based therapies
RNAi based therapies

**Subject areas in support of instruction:**
- Biostatistics
- Ecosystem health
- Environmental pathology
- Forensic sciences
- General pathology – introductory and advanced
  - And including anatomic, neuro, and surgical pathology
- Health informatics
- Human cancer biology
- Oral pathology
- Research partnerships – private and public