Mobile Access to Licensed Databases in Medicine & Other Subject Areas

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- ☐ Handheld devices, sites, tools and applications in libraries currently play mostly a supplemental role, providing quick, on-the-go information (hours, directions, contact information, tours, SMS reference, etc)

- ☐ Both services and resources are in infancy

- ☐ Wider adoption of mobile devices in specific fields of study, especially practice-based disciplines like medicine

- ☐ 60-70% of medical students and residents use handheld computers for education or patient care

- ☐ Content for mobile devices within the medical field is more diverse than in other areas: general medical reference, drug reference, Evidenced-based Medicine for clinical decision support, anatomical diagrams, medical calculators, study guides, patient education

- ☐ Issues for mobile device users (across disciplines): what's available, free vs. paid, support, installation and set-up, platforms/formats

- ☐ Challenges for libraries also include licensing models, statistics, demand, usage statistics, staff training, marketing/promotion, and sustainability?

- ☐ Library resources on mobile devices can benefit the user if they combine the information resources and data they need at the point of need and for task-oriented/specific purpose

Slides Available for Download at SlideShare:
http://www.slideshare.net/bohyunkim/mobile-access-to-licensed-databases-in-medicine-and-other-subject-areas

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