

Information and regulations for access to licensed electronic journals, databases and e-books

Within the framework of the Charité Medical Library license agreements covering the use of electronic journals, books and databases, all computers belonging to the Charité network at the campuses Buch, Benjamin Franklin, Mitte and Virchow-Klinikum have had access enabled.

The following persons are entitled to make use of the offer:

1. Charité employees
(A current personnel number from the relevant department is required)
2. Visiting physicians and guest researchers for the duration of their stay at the Charité
(proof of this is provided by the corresponding contract from the Personnel Department)
3. Senior professors who continue to work at the Charité
(A certificate from the management of the clinic or institute is required; the validity is limited to a maximum of two years).
4. Charité students
(A current matriculation number issued by the Charité Academic Administration).
5. "Walk-in user" of the Medical Library, i.e. also persons not belonging to the Charité

Persons belonging to groups 1-4 are authorized to access the electronic resources from home via a VPN access.

All persons who do not belong to one of the groups listed under 1-4 cannot be given remote access. This includes, for example, temporary lecturers, employees of teaching hospitals of the Charité (even if they have the professor qualification from the Charité) as well as employees of institutions that are connected to the Charité through cooperation agreements. These groups may use the electronic services at the three locations of the Medical Library as "walk-in users".

Allowing the teaching hospitals to be included in the Charité licence agreements was rejected in principle by some publishers. Others who were willing to grant access demanded high additional fees that teaching hospitals could not afford. Here, however, teaching hospitals have the cheaper option of working with agencies to put together smaller packages of journals tailored to their specific needs.

The license terms in medical library contracts are standardized and therefore apply equally at other universities and in other countries. It is thus not at the discretion of the library or the IT Department to increase the scope of people who have access to licensed online services. Violation of the contractually agreed terms of license may lead to a withdrawal of the services for the Charité by a publisher. The Medical Library and the IT Department are therefore obliged to comply with this regulation without exception.

Should you have any further questions, please contact the head of user services Dr. phil. Jan Taubitz (medbib@charite.de or +49 30 450 576 304) of Charité Medical Library.