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Brown University's agreement with RIMS regarding members' use of the Brown Library

Based on a 1987 agreement between RIMS and the Brown University Library:

“RIMS members (as defined in section 1.11 of the RIMS bylaws in effect Sept. 1987) shall be included in the class of library users known as “guest borrowers” and shall have the right to use any of the Brown University Libraries subject to the terms and conditions imposed upon Brown University guest borrowers. Guest borrowers are subject to the same terms and conditions of fee borrowers except that the fee is waived. Brown reserves the right to modify the terms and conditions (including the waiver of fees) imposed upon guest borrowers. RIMS shall be given thirty days notice of any change in the terms and conditions, and one year's notice of any changes in fees.

RIMS shall forward a certified list of all current RIMS members to the University Librarian in June of each year and shall update such list as necessary throughout the year. RIMS members shall be issued appropriate identification cards and must present the same for access to Brown University Libraries.”

As a result of this agreement, RIMS members have had and continue to have physical access to the Brown University Library at no charge. RIMS members are able to borrow books for up to one month, and as guests they can use the guest workstations located on the first floor of the Rockefeller Library and on Level A at the Sciences Library.

Although RIMS members cannot get remote access to the Library's online resources, there are a number of other avenues available to RIMS members who need up to-date medical information. Options include:

- 1) PubMed, the online Medline database of the National Library of Medicine is accessible at no charge at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed>
- 2) As there is free reciprocal delivery of journal articles between all libraries in RI, requests for articles can be submitted through RIMS members' public libraries. If the article is not held by a RI library, there may be a charge for receiving the article.
- 3) Medical Connections (<http://dl.lib.brown.edu/gateway/med.com>) is the Brown website for medical resources and services. While most of the items listed are only for Brown ID holders, there are also resources listed that are freely accessible via the Internet.