

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The University of Washington
and
Washington State University**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is between the University of Washington (“UW”), an institution of higher education and agency of the state of Washington, by and through its Health Evidence Library of Washington (“HEALWA”) which is managed by the University of Washington Libraries (“UWL”), and Washington State University (“WSU”), an institution of higher education and agency of the state of Washington, by and through its Health Sciences Library (“WSUHSL”), and provides shared understanding regarding the use and promotion of HEALWA to students graduating from WSU in the health sciences fields.

A. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

1. HEALWA is a health information portal for licensed health practitioners in Washington state. It provides online access to authoritative, up-to-date clinical information and educational resources through databases, ebooks, and ejournals. It also provides access to free continuing education credits.
2. HEALWA began in 2007 to allow Washington healthcare providers to practice evidence-based healthcare in Washington state to improve patient outcomes. Access to HEALWA is managed by UWL. Twenty-six healthcare professions rely on HEALWA to support clinical decision making and evidence-based practice in Washington.
3. WSUHSL provides information, resources, and services that advance the mission of the Washington State University Spokane Health Sciences Campus, which is the home to numerous WSU programs in health sciences.
4. The parties agree that utilization of HEALWA by health care professionals around the state of Washington improves access to high-quality health information resources. As health professionals must continue to meet the current licensing and credentialing requirements of the State of Washington Department of Health, HEALWA is an increasingly vital tool in helping them keep up to date.
5. The parties seek to affect a more informed healthcare workforce in Washington by promoting the use of HEALWA to eligible graduating WSU health sciences students once they become licensed healthcare professionals (“Graduates”).

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF WSU

1. WSUHSL, through the WSUHSL Library Director or their designee (“Designee”), will use its best efforts to promote HEALWA to Graduates who are interested in HEALWA or interested in access to evidence-based resources following graduation.
2. The Designee will instruct Graduates on how to sign up for HEALWA using their state license number.

3. The Designee will be responsible for contacting HEALWA at devine@uw.edu if any issues arise with the HEALWA site or services.
4. WSUHSL will determine the appropriate methods for disseminating information about HEALWA.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF HEALWA

1. HEALWA will be the designated online health library platform for use by eligible health professionals licensed to practice in Washington.
2. HEALWA will provide the Designee assistance in signing up Graduates for HEALWA and will orient them to accessing HEALWA resources.
3. HEALWA will facilitate questions from WSU and Graduates regarding licensed health information resources.
4. HEALWA will work with the Department of Health and other parties to make sure that access to is available 24/7 to eligible users.
5. HEALWA will assume responsibility for providing access to articles and ebooks.
6. HEALWA will facilitate access to Shared Decision-Making tools and educate users regarding approved Shared Decision-Making Patient Decision Aids (PDAs) in Washington.
7. HEALWA will provide promotional materials and ensure understanding about the program.

D. DURATION, RENEWAL, TERMINATION

1. This MOU is effective once executed by authorized signatories for by both parties and will remain in effect until June 30, 2028.
2. If the parties mutually agree, this MOU may be extended for additional years. The terms of such extension will be made by written amendment signed by personnel authorized to sign on behalf of their parties, and attached to this MOU. The parties will endeavor in good faith to begin the discussions regarding any such renewal no later than six (6) months before the termination date.
3. If either party wishes to terminate the MOU prior to the end of the period, termination conditions will be mutually agreed upon in writing.

E. COMPENSATION

This is a nonmonetary agreement, and no compensation will be due from any party to any other party for the activities contemplated herein.

F. EXCLUSIVITY

The activities described in this MOU are non-exclusive. Nothing in this MOU requires WSU to refrain from utilization or promotion of any other database or other service similar to that provided by HEALWA. Nothing in this MOU requires UW to refrain from entering agreements with other parties for the use and promotion of HEALWA.

G. NOTICES

Unless otherwise provided herein, any notice required under this MOU shall be in writing and deemed delivered if delivered in person, delivered by email with return

receipt, sent by overnight delivery, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the party at the following address, and shall be deemed delivered on the date delivered, transmitted, or mailed:

To UW:

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H. NON-BINDING NATURE

This MOU is expressly understood to be non-binding and does not create any legally enforceable obligations between the parties.

I. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This MOU contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties on the subject matter hereof.

J. SIGNATURES

The parties affirm they have designated the persons below to have signature authority for the parties.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON



6/25/2025

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Date