The Jefferson Digital Commons and the Jefferson School of Population Health: A great partnership

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From the beginning, the Jefferson School of Population Health (JSPH) has been an active partner and supporter of the Jefferson Digital Commons. The Jefferson School of Population Health uses the Jefferson Digital Commons to archive many of the knowledge-based resources produced by the School. Over the years, the JDC has archived the following:

- The JSPH Population Health Forum monthly series
- Population Health Matters newsletter from 1994 to the present
- Prescriptions for Excellence in Healthcare newsletter
- Assorted conferences and symposia and workshops
- Faculty papers and presentations
- Student capstone presentations
- College within the College (CwiC) student posters
- Continuing Pharmacy Education Programs

Visitors from all over the world visit JSPH content archived in the JDC. Here is a list of countries that have accessed assets from the Population Health Matters newsletter in order of most downloads:

- United Kingdom
- Canada
- India
- Australia
- Malaysia
- Philippines
- Italy
- Hong Kong
- Denmark
- France
- Netherlands
- Saudi Arabia
- Poland
- Brazil
- South Korea

Visitors to the JDC homepage can view a map of the world showing downloads from the entire archive in real-time.

What do the numbers look like? Below are statistics from various series in the Jefferson Digital Commons from the Jefferson School of Population Health.

Top 5 most downloaded assets from JSPH in the JDC:

1. Wii-HAB: Using the Wii Video Game System as an Occupational Therapy Intervention with Patients in the Hospital Setting
   4,215 downloads

2. Prevalence and Risk of Polypharmacy among the Elderly in an Outpatient Setting: A Retrospective Cohort Study in the Emilia-Romagna Region, Italy
   2,578 downloads

3. Medication Safety: Who’s Accountable?
   2,447 downloads
Top 5 JSPH presentations on campus:

1. The 16th Annual Dr. Raymond C. Grandon Lecture: Patient Safety: The Impact of Facility Design
   (John G. Reiling)
   396 downloads

2. The 20th Annual Dr. Raymond C. Grandon Lecture: A Roadmap to Creating a Real Health Care System
   (Michael B. McCallister, MBA)
   235 downloads

3. 19th Annual Dr. Raymond C. Grandon Lecture- Health as an Economic Strategy
   (Dee W. Edington, PhD)
   227 downloads

4. Teaching Cultural Humility and Competence: A Multi-disciplinary course for Public Health and Health Services Students
   (Rob Simmons, DrPH, MPH, MPH; Nancy L. Chernet, MPH; Elaine Yuen, PhD; Susan Toth-Cohen, PhD, OTR/L)
   234 downloads

5. The 21st Annual Dr. Raymond C. Grandon Lecture: Health Reform, Two Years On
   (Mark McClellan, MD, PhD)
   184 downloads

Top 5 JSPH conferences and symposia:

1. Research on Healthcare Worker Personal Protective Equipment: Minimum Requirements for Isolation Gowns
   (Building the Chain of Safety: Stakeholders Summit)
   1,202 downloads

2. Progress in Controlling Healthcare Associated Infections: A Historical Perspective
   (Building the Chain of Safety: Stakeholders Summit)
   210 downloads

3. The Need for Transformational Change in the Education of Health Care Professionals
   (Creating the Healthcare Workforce for the 21st Century)
   204 downloads

4. Cultivating Collaborative and Coordinated Care
   (Creating the Healthcare Workforce for the 21st Century)
   169 downloads

5. Panel Discussion: Best Practices and Service Integration
   (Region III National HIV/AIDS Strategy Conference)
   160 downloads

Most popular monthly Forum presentations:

1. Building Patient Centered Medical Homes in America’s Poorest City
   (Jeffrey Brenner, MD)
   388 downloads

2. The Impact of Serious Medication Errors for Health Care Providers
   (Zane R. Wolf, PhD, FAAN)
   371 downloads

3. Innovative Approaches to Medical Education
   (M. Brownell Anderson)
   362 downloads

4. The World of Healthcare/Pharma Blogging
   (Ed Silverman)
   357 downloads

5. Patient Friendly Billing: Increasing Transparency
   (Michael Brennan)
   356 downloads

Note: 61 total Forum presentations have generated over 8,967 downloads as of September 15, 2014.

As of September 15, 2014 the JDC has 1,187 individual assets from the Jefferson School of Population Health with a total of 235,569 downloads.

Note: All statistics were gathered on September 15, 2014.

In archiving many of the presentations, papers, newsletters, posters etc. the JSPH is creating a robust history and sharing important knowledge with a global community.

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