

## Price History for Core Clinical Journals in Medicine and Nursing 2003-2007

Clinical medicine and nursing titles comprise the majority of a typical hospital library's journal list and are of critical importance to large academic medical and research centers. Selected core clinical journals were indexed for the *Abridged Index Medicus*, which was published by the National Library of Medicine from 1970 - 1997. Although NLM no longer produces *Abridged Index Medicus* as a print publication, the value of the titles as a core list of "selected titles of biomedical journal literature of immediate interest to the practicing physician" is still recognized. These titles continue to be searchable on NLM's PubMed database and on *MEDLINE*® as a search subset limit called "core clinical journals."

This price study is based on prices of the journals indexed for the "core clinical journals" (*Abridged Index Medicus*) subset of *MEDLINE* during the period from 2003 - 2007. The prices used were the least expensive, annual retail print subscription rates available to non-membership institutions in the U.S. Rates were taken from EBSCO's Title Information Database in February of each year to ensure accurate and consistent data.

### The title breakdown, geographically, is as follows:

TOTAL SAMPLE TITLES in 2007	117 TITLES	100%
TITLES PUBLISHED IN THE U.S.	103 TITLES	88.0%
NON-U.S. PUBLISHED (13 BRITISH, 1 CANADIAN)	14 TITLES	12.0%

### PRICE COMPARISON OF THE TOTAL SAMPLE, BY YEAR

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Subscription Price	\$46,227.80	\$50,205.39	\$53,260.33	\$56,851.60	\$61,620.34
Average Price per Title	\$391.76	\$425.47	\$451.36	\$481.79	\$526.67
Average Annual Percentage Change	9.8%	8.6%	6.1%	6.7%	8.4%

During the period 2003 - 2007 the total price increase for all titles was \$15,392.54

which is a 33.3% increase.

### PRICE COMPARISON OF ALL U.S. PUBLISHED TITLES, BY YEAR

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Subscription Price	\$38,429.90	\$41,683.90	\$44,759.99	\$47,774.62	\$51,639.75
Average Price per Title	\$376.76	\$404.70	\$434.56	\$463.83	\$501.36
Average Annual Percentage Change	8.5%	8.5%	7.4%	6.7%	8.1%

During the period 2003 - 2007 the total price increase for all titles was \$13,209.85

which is a 34.4% increase.

### PRICE COMPARISON OF ALL NON-U.S. PUBLISHED TITLES, BY YEAR

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Subscription Price	\$7,797.90	\$8,521.49	\$8,500.34	\$9,076.98	\$9,980.59
Average Price per Title	\$487.37	\$568.10	\$566.69	\$605.13	\$712.90
Average Annual Percentage Change	16.4%	9.3%	-0.2%	6.8%	17.4%

During the period 2003 - 2007 the total price increase for all titles was \$2,182.69

which is a 28.0% increase.

### PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL COST OF ALL 117 TITLES BY U.S. AND NON-U.S. TITLES, BY YEAR

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
U.S. Titles	83.1%	83.0%	84.0%	84.0%	83.8%
Non-U.S. Titles	16.9%	17.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.2%

