APPENDIX
GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED

The glossary hereunder given explains some of the most frequently used terms that are familiar to the health sciences librarians. The listing is alphabetical.

**AVLINE** [Audio Visual onLINE]: Contains bibliographic citations to audiovisual materials on a wide range of subjects - Anatomy to Zoology. Its coverage begins from 1975 with weekly updates. 95% citations are in English.

**CANCER-CD**: It is Cancer-On-line on Compact Disk. It includes references, abstracts and commentaries of the World’s literature on Cancer and related subjects from medical publishers such as Elsevier Science Publishers, Yearbook Medical Publishers, Complete Cancerlit file from National Cancer Institute in conjunction with the US NLM. As of 1989, the data is updated quarterly. The data is available current plus five previous years on one disk.

**CANCERLIT**: Contains citations on all cancer topics. Most citations are in English and it is updated monthly with about five thousand citations. Effective 1983, most of the journal citations to this database are derived from MEDLINE.

**CATLINE** [CATlog onLINE]: Contains bibliographic records covering the biomedical sciences. includes over 7 lakh bibliographic records for all cataloged titles in the National Library of Medicine. More than 50% are in English.
It is updated weekly and provided access to NLM's authoritative collection.

CHEMLINE [CHEMical dictionary onLINE]: Contains an online interactive dictionary of chemical substances and provides a mechanism for searching over 7 lakh chemical substances. It can also be accessed by CAS Registry Numbers.

CIRCUIT LIBRARIAN: is a professionally qualified health sciences librarian who visits different clinics, hospitals and health centers to provide information to the users who have no access to modern health sciences libraries. This professional is based in a major health sciences library from where he/she obtain materials and information for health professionals use.

ClinMED-CD: It is a subset of MEDLINE database focusing on clinical medicine and including journal articles primarily in ENGLISH language from Abridged Index Medicus and Alfred Brandon and Dorothea Hill's Selected books and Journals for a Small Medical Library being published every two years in the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association.

CLINPORT: It is sponsored by National Cancer Institute containing summaries of clinical investigations of new anticancer agents and treatment modalities. It is updated monthly.

DATABASE: A set of structured records consisting of data or other information bits coordinated for retrieval of specific information.
DOCLINE: is US National Library of Medicine’s Automated Interlibrary Loan Request and Referral System, established in March 1985. It is linked to MEDLINE and has all its backfiles. The borrowing library is able to imput unique citation number [UI] from MEDLINE and have all the bibliographic data needed and available, placed in ILL request automatically.

The EXCEPTRA Medical Library Services [Excerpta Medica Abstract Journals on CD-ROM]: Covers biomedical citations with most abstracts from over four thousand journals and citations corresponds to previous years articles. It is updated annually with one CD in a year. Special discount is allowed for libraries subscribing to printed EM sections when order is placed for this CD-ROM database.

FREE-TEXT SEARCHING: The ability to retrieve information from an online system on the basis of the words occurring in the title, abstracts or texts.

HEALTH [Health Planning and Administration]: It contains non-clinical citations on aspects of health care delivery. Citations are in English language- over 90%; and between 2000-3000 records are added monthly from primary journals. Files are available from 1975 onwards.

HISTLINE [HISTORY of medicine onLINE]: Contains citations dealing on History of Medicine and most are in English. Includes, journal articles, monographs, symposium and
proceedings of congresses. The citations comes from MEDLINE and CATLINE.

MEDLINE CD-ROM: The world's biggest biomedical on-line database covering over 3200 periodicals in English as well as 42 foreign language. Files are available from 1966 to date with monthly and quarterly updates. 75% of articles are in English. It contains citations included in Index Medicus, Index to Dental Literature and International Nursing Index. The comprehensive subscription to all files varies. Subsequent subscriptions can be ordered with 50% discount.

NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH [CINAHL]-CD: It is CD-ROM version of Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature and covers articles on Nursing taken from Index Medicus. Updated bimonthly.

OPERATION RESEARCH: A body of techniques which applies sophisticated mathematical techniques to study systems and suggests ways of modeling that can be used in assessing library performances.

PDQ [Physician Data Query]: This database includes information on advances in Cancer treatment and clinical trials. It is updated monthly. It is designed by the National Cancer Institute for use for Physicians. Detailed summaries of all major types of cancer including prognosis, staging, classification and treatment option are included. Annual subscription varies with quarterly updates.
POPLINE [POPulation information onLINE]: The database covers citations on population and family planning. Files are available from 1970 to date with citations dating back to 1886. Most citations are in English. It is updated monthly with over ten thousand citations annually. Annual subscription varies with semiannual updates.

PsycLIT: covers more than 1300 journals and monographic serials from over 45 countries in more than 24 languages. Provides summaries of the literature in psychology and related fields taken from Psychological Abstracts.

SERHOLD: It is US NLM's Serials Holding database which contains serial holdings of about 2500 US health sciences libraries.

SERLINE: An online database representing over 35000 serial titles cataloged or being received at the US National Library of Medicine. This database includes about 6000 titles owned by 120 Resource Libraries in the Regional Medical Library Network System in the United States of America.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: It is a large range planning designed to move library closer to goals. It describes future as desired.

SYSTEM ANALYSIS: is the study of the structure and behavior of sets of interacting elements. It is a problem solving method. Its diction is in treating problems as a whole rather than piecemeal as in more traditional specialized
problem solving methods. It is a study and use of systems based on scientific and mathematical methods.

**TACTICAL PLANNING:** Is the process of determining individual unit objectives which, when accomplished by each unit, will move library in the direction indicated by the Strategic Planning.

**TOXNET [TOXicology data NETwork]:** It is a computerized toxicologically oriented databanks operated by National Library of Medicine as a part of MEDLARS system. For users TOXNET offers a sophisticated search and retrieval package permitting efficient access to data from numerous sources. Currently different files are operated under this system. 

[a] **CCRIS [Chemical Carcinogenesis Research Information System]** which is databank developed by the National Cancer Institute. File contains approximately 1500 records. All entries are organized by Chemical Names.

[b] **HSDB [Hazardous Substances Data Bank]:** This databank is also arranged by Chemical Names and is enhanced with additional data related to the environment besides its toxicological information. Currently about four thousand records are included.

**USERS:** Generic terms used for individuals who try to satisfy information needs by consulting resources and services in a library of other information base.