Guidelines for Deselection of the
Library of Congress (LC) Class R – Medicine
Monograph Collection

Background and Force of Guideline:
In absence of a libraries-wide guideline or policy for weeding, this deselection guideline has been developed to assist the nursing liaison(s) who are responsible for management, development, and deselection of materials within the LC Class R (Medicine). The collection has not been reviewed by a subject liaison for several years and needs assessment for relevance and currency. Due to the current state of the collection, deselection tasks will reside with nursing liaison(s), in consultation with other subject liaison(s), as appropriate, and the Department Head for Access and Discovery with deference to the guidelines below.

Weeding the Collection:
Overarching Principle – Use Professional Judgment at All Times

In an effort to combine quantitative data and qualitative review of materials, the Systems Librarian has developed an app for use in the stacks to aid in the weeding process. The liaison can scan the circulation barcode on materials to show bibliographic and circulation information to assist in a weeding decision.

Keep in Collection:
- Keep most recent edition and duplicate copies of most recent edition, if less than five years old
- Historical medicine or nursing theory monographs
- Locally relevant material (Texas, North Texas, etc.)
- Local or faculty author (when known)

Mark for Withdrawal:
- Monographs with no circulation in prior ten years
- Conference or meeting proceedings
- Incorrect information (out-of-date directories)
- Books available electronically, especially if newer edition available (overlap analysis)
- Exam or test prep materials older than current edition
- Bad physical condition

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1 Consider materials that may be of interest to Libraries Special Collections

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References


