

SELECTED STATISTICS USING TITLES INDEXED FOR THE *ABRIDGED INDEX MEDICUS*

Abridged Index Medicus was published by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) from 1970-1997. Although NLM no longer produces *Abridged Index Medicus* as a separate 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, and the titles continue to be searchable as a subset of the *MEDLINE*[®] database.

This study was based on prices of the journals indexed for the *Abridged Index Medicus* subset of *MEDLINE* during the period from 1999-2003. The prices used were the least expensive, annual retail subscription rates available to non-membership institutions in the U.S. Rates were taken from February of each year to ensure accurate and consistent data.

The title breakdown, geographically, is as follows:

TOTAL SAMPLE TITLES IN 2003	118 TITLES	100%
TITLES PUBLISHED IN THE U.S.	102 TITLES	86.4%
NON-U.S. PUBLISHED (14 BRITISH, 1 CANADIAN, 1 NETHERLANDS)	16 TITLES	13.6%

PRICE COMPARISON OF THE TOTAL SAMPLE, BY YEAR

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Total Subscription Price	\$32,288.23	\$35,670.71	\$39,012.17	\$42,112.23	\$46,227.80
Average Price per Title	\$271.33	\$299.75	\$327.83	\$353.88	\$391.76
Average Annual Percentage Change	10.9%	10.5%	9.4%	7.9%	9.8%
During the period 1999 - 2003 the total price increase for all titles was			\$13,939.57		
			which is a	43.2% increase	

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

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Total Subscription Price	\$26,405.95	\$29,290.95	\$32,536.95	\$35,412.34	\$38,429.90
Average Price per Title	\$256.37	\$284.38	\$315.89	\$343.81	\$376.76
Average Annual Percentage Change	11.2%	10.9%	11.1%	8.8%	8.5%
During the period 1999 - 2003 the total price increase for all titles was			\$12,023.95		
			which is a	45.5% increase	

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

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Total Subscription Price	\$5,882.28	\$6,389.76	\$6,475.22	\$6,699.89	\$7,797.90
Average Price per Title	\$367.64	\$399.36	\$404.70	\$418.74	\$487.37
Average Annual Percentage Change	9.8%	8.6%	1.3%	3.5%	16.4%
During the period 1999 - 2003 the total price increase for all titles was			\$1,915.62		
			which is a	32.6% increase	

PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL COST OF ALL 120 TITLES BY U.S. AND NON-U.S. TITLES, BY YEAR

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
U.S. Titles	81.8%	90.7%	91.2%	84.1%	83.1%
Non U.S. Titles	18.2%	9.3%	8.8%	15.9%	16.9%

