

Tier	Institution Type/Description
1	Institutional Print Only (no online access)
2	<p>Academic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primary/secondary school - onsite access only - Community, technical, or associates level (US), higher education colleges (UK); institutes of technology (UK/Ireland), hochsule (Germany) - Nursing school or allied health training program, seminaries (eg, chiropractic, physical therapy) - Non-PhD granting undergraduate (baccalaureate) or masters level college/universities <p>Medical:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private practice office or private clinic - Residency program independent from larger institution - onsite access only - Community hospital or clinic (may have a family practice or nursing residency program, but not a major teaching or clinical research facility) <p>Public/Nonprofit/Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General reference public library, museum, or non-profit administrative office (government libraries not having major scientific research programs; onsite access only) - Independent research library, museums with scientific research (independent from larger institution, single site, stand-alone research library; blood banks) - Professional society or trade union; industry trade association - Health policy or advocacy nonprofit office; charitable organization (think tanks, lobbying groups, and quasi-governmental organizations interested in health policy; contains foundations and other organizations that collect/disburse funds for charity or carry out charitable works) - Small non-profit or government laboratory (limited to a single site, having a small number of research programs, and fewer than 200 researchers/staff) - Local or regional government agency/ministry
3	<p>Academic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doctorate-granting research university (includes academic institutions that offer doctoral programs and or student population up to 20,000) <p>Medical:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical or pharmacy school (schools a part of universities with total student enrollments exceeding 20,000 belong in tier 4) - Major teaching or research hospital (institutions are affiliated with a medical school or university with student enrollments not exceeding 20,000 and have multiple residency programs) <p>Public/Nonprofit/Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private, nonprofit research institute (single institution, local campuses, such as The Scripps Research Institute in the US, the Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology in Germany, Paul Scherrer Institute in Switzerland, Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel) <p>Corporate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small for-profit independent company, partnership, or organization with less than 50 employees

Tier (continued)	Institution Type/Description (continued)
4	<p>Academic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statewide and large academic institutions with total student enrollments exceeding 20,000 (not a consortium or shared digital library (tier 5) but a single organization with separate campuses, or institution, public or private; explicitly included are major universities which have attached medical colleges or teaching hospitals) <p>Medical:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private, nonprofit research organization or healthcare network (single institution with regional campuses) <p>Public/Nonprofit/Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large nonprofit/government research institute <p>Corporate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mid-size for-profit organization (single organization with regional campuses, not multi-national)
5	<p>Academic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consortia of academic libraries (includes groups of universities who share access or large state-wide licenses) <p>Medical:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consortia of medical libraries and affiliated hospitals (includes groups of medical libraries or hospitals that share access) <p>Public/Nonprofit/Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group of affiliated labs or regional buying groups, state or national government agency <p>Corporate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large for-profit organization (multi-national organization)

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