NHS Health Care Professionals in the UK Receive One-Year Trial Access to Science Translational Medicine and Science Signaling

Washington, D.C., 1 May 2014—The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the publisher of the Science family of journals, and the National Health Services (NHS) of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales partner to provide NHS doctors, researchers, bioinformatics specialists, health science librarians, and administrators with a one-year trial access to two AAAS biomedical journals, Science Signaling and Science Translational Medicine. The pilot was initiated by Jisc, a charity that offers digital services and solutions for education in the United Kingdom.

Access to cutting-edge research published in Science Signaling and Science Translational Medicine will help NHS with its mission to transform health and health care by putting innovation at the heart of the organization. Dr. Paul Ayris, chair of the NHS steering group, said: “Practitioners in the NHS will benefit from the content that is being made available in this pilot, based on the recommendations of the Finch Report. Access to high-quality information is key to good clinical practice and patients can only benefit from the well-informed clinical community that will result from this work.”

Science Translational Medicine seeks to accelerate the development of new therapies for sick patients. Orla Smith, managing editor of Science Translational Medicine, explains that “the journal features innovative research advances that make real progress toward harnessing basic research for the improvement of human health.”

Science Signaling delivers research results that are relevant to understanding how cells adapt to changing environments and respond to stimuli within living organisms. “We provide the biomedical community with insights into the molecular mechanisms of disease, publishing basic research that can guide the development of effective therapeutic strategies,” says Nancy Gough, editor of Science Signaling.

About NHS
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