

## Objective

- Acquiring new individual e-textbook titles at the Florida International University (FIU) Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOM) Medical Library

→The current method needs to be reconsidered?

## Introduction

- The Course Textbook Reference Collection has annually prepared for HWCOM programs based on the course textbook lists from each program coordinator

- Librarians are always required to first look for textbooks in an **electronic format**
  - HWCOM Library = Nearly 100% digital
  - Limited space for print copies
  - Clinical teaching sites - across the South Florida region



However, searching a **specific** e-book title is challenging

## Methods

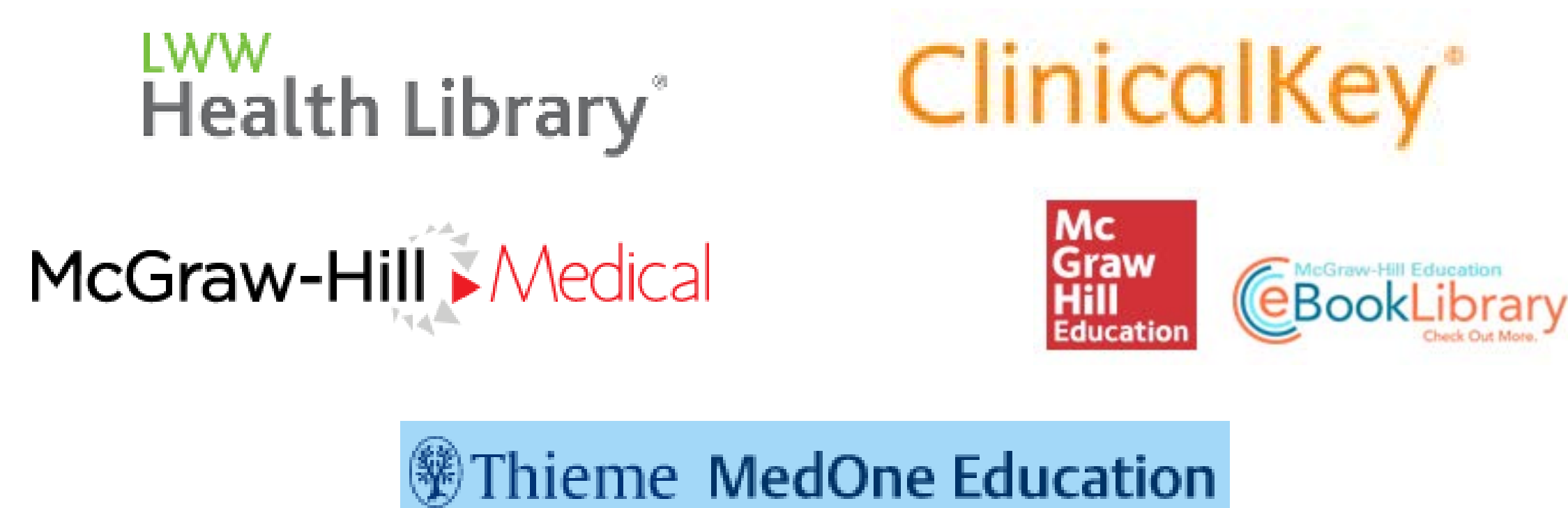
A review and analysis of e-textbook acquisition activity records from the past two academic years (2017-2018 and 2018-2019)

## Vendors Used for Acquisitions

- Title-By-Title Purchases



- Package Subscription



## Online Course Textbook Guide

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- Programs for E-Textbook Collection
  - MD (Period 1 - 4)
  - Physician Assistant (PA)
  - Graduate Certificate in Molecular and Biomedical Sciences (GCP)

## Discussion

- Why the individual e-textbook titles could not be obtained?
  - Part of large e-book packages with other books the HWCOM Library did not need → often cost prohibitive
  - Single users only (no sale to library)
  - Sale only through content partnerships
  - Developed their own knowledge portals – no more individual e-book title sales
  - Print only → included the titles for which no updated edition released on the market for more than 10 years
  - Per-user pricing (with or without a volume discount) (e.g., **VitalSource**)

- 2018-2019 --- Out-of-print titles are included (MD Period 4)

## Results

### E-Textbook Title Order Summary

2017-2018

		E-Textbooks Need to Order	Obtained	Not Obtained
MD	P1	3	0	3
	P2	1	0	1
	P3	4	0	4
	P4	4	1	3
PA		15	3	12
GCP		10	7	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>26</b>

2018-2019

		E-Textbooks Need to Order	Obtained	Not Obtained
MD	P1	12	1	11
	P2	(no order needed)	-	-
	P3	2	1	1
	P4	11	1	10
PA		16	1	15
GCP		(no order needed)	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>37</b>

## Solutions?

- One-stop acquisitions portal? **GOBI®**
- Other e-book providers/distributors/publishers which are **title-by-title perpetual purchases** available? **CREDO**
- ProQuest Ebook Central™
- EBSCO eBooks**
- Open access books? **doab** (SpringerNature and De Gruyter are sponsors) \*2
- Still in an early stage? **openstax™** (FIU is an institutional partner) \*3

## Conclusions

HWCOM Library needs additional method(s) for the acquiring annual e-textbook reference collection titles. Further investigation into this will continue

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