

Abstract

This developmental study attempts to meet the information needs of indexers, searches, catalogers, as well as library science students and biomedical information providers and users. In comparison with the first edition (published in 1998) which included 7515 terms, the number of entries in this thesaurus has increased to 15294 (8978 selected terms, 6316 synonyms or used for terms, 860 related terms, 13218 persian terms with English equivalents, 12312 terms in English-Persian index, 25838 English entries and 31949 persian entries in permuted index). The literary warrant consists of Iranian Index Medicus (1st & 2nd edition), Persian MeSH (the 1st edition of this thesaurus), and the indexing and cataloging terms of medical sciences universities (Tehran, Iran, Shahid Beheshti, Mashhad, Isphahan and Kashan). In translating and editing the terms and references, Persian medical application and also thesaurus making principles in the modern information age were the main concern. The final version will be available on CD-ROM, and also through Internet with the proper provisions for getting feedback and critical points from the actual users of this thesaurus.