

# Alert! Take the next step

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# **Types of Alerts**

Journals – Table of Contents Publishers – multiple journals, keyword searches, etc.

#### Databases

- •NCBI My NCBI PubMed & Friends
- •ISI Web of Science, etc.
- •EBSCO
- •Can save searches, send to reference management software, etc.

RSS feeds - the next step - free up your email! Mix and Match! Something for everyone

## **Example: My NCBI**

- •Familiar PubMed and other NCBI databases are familiar •Powerful – it does it all – email alerts, journal TOCs, saved searches, RSS, sending to reference management
- Saves patrons time

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# **Challenges**

- •Patrons may not see the need
- •Happy with what they've got the familiar
- •They have to make a commitment
- •Learning curve but it's not as steep as they think!

## **Marketing**

#### Classes

- •My NCBI PubMed and other NCBI databases
- •Reference management tools EndNote, RefWorks, etc.
- Databases
- Classes on Keeping Up

Handouts
Posters
One on one
Offering to individual labs and groups

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