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Over the years, the College library has received requests for a specialty-specific version of *Cites & Bytes* [2], a monthly compilation of recent, newsworthy, or locally interesting medical citations in family practice and internal medicine. Taking up the challenge, librarians experimented by increasing specialty content in *Cites & Bytes*. Unfortunately, the uptake was low and the effort was high, so the standard version returned, supplemented with a small “From the Specialties” section.

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If the College library does not have a subscription to a certain journal, a form will automatically display that will send a request for the article to the library. The library can locate copies of almost all articles quickly and, in most cases, for free. A short user guide to setting up links from EvidenceAlerts to College library articles can be found [here](#) [3].

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