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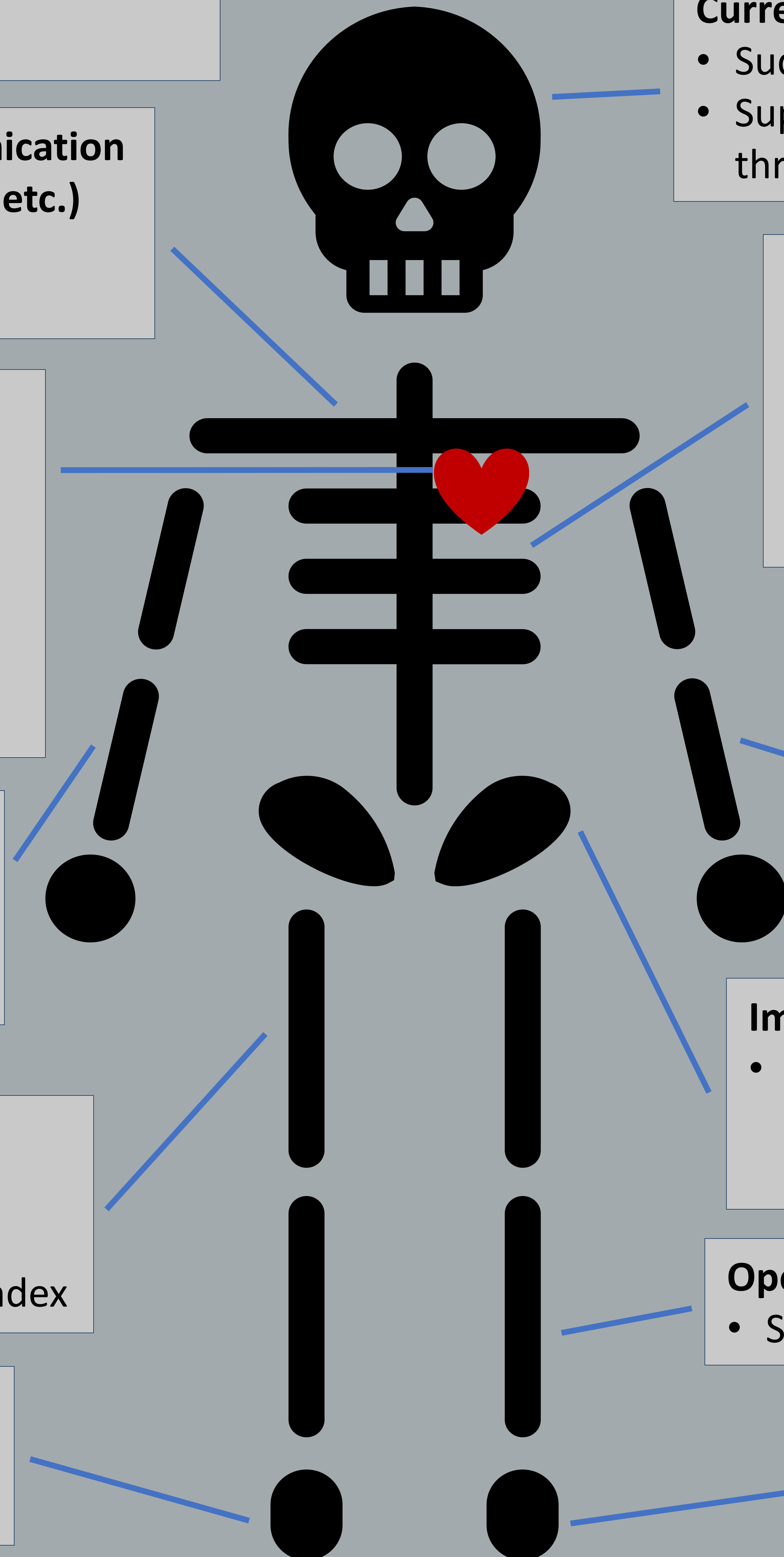
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When researching in a discipline which is new to you, gather all pertinent subject information in one place for easy reference.

EXAMPLE DISCIPLINE SKELETON ATHLETIC TRAINING



Current Topics and Challenges

- Sudden death in exercise
- Supporting athletes safely through the pandemic

Professional Organizations

- National Athletic Trainers' Association
- Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine

Prestigious Journals

- J. of Athletic Training
- J. of Applied Sport Management
- J. of Sport Rehabilitation

Important Conferences

- Mid Atlantic Athletic Trainer's Association Symposium

Open Access Repositories

- SportRxiv

Vocabulary

- MeSH

Other Scholarly Communication Venues (podcasts, blogs, etc.)

- JAT Podcast
- ACSM Blog

Personalize Everything

- Accreditation needs/schedule
- Faculty/Staff research interests
- Embedded courses
- Program requirements

Other Important Groups

- Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education

Top Databases

- PubMed
- SPORTDiscus
- Physical Education Index

Sub-disciplines

- Age range
- Sport type

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Skeleton Purpose:

- Assist liaison librarians in gaining introductory knowledge of how to research in an unfamiliar discipline
- Create a multidisciplinary tool to drill into a field in which you have no formal training
- Helps demonstrate the differences between highly similar fields

Skeleton Description:

- Broad categories to gather relevant subject information
- Continuously update as knowledge of the discipline deepens
- Available for quick and easy reference
- Customizable to librarian, department, and institution

Skeleton Outcomes:

- Gained a better understanding of each field
- Conversations with faculty were approached with confidence and on common ground
- Casual conversation with faculty developed rapport, increased accuracy of gathered information, and understanding of the field

Why You Should Try This:

- Useful to librarians researching in multiple disciplines
- Gain a better understanding of current conversations in each liaison area
- Gather ideas to best meet the needs of students, faculty, and staff
- Strengthen your subject expertise

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