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**Medical Media Systems.** Medical Media Systems. ISBN Institutional group rates substantially discounted based on number of students; contact publisher for pricing.

URL: <http://www.medicalmediasystems.com/>

[Visited Apr'13] Medical Media Systems has produced an excellent collection of instructional vignettes on "the art of physical examination and history-taking skills" for physicians and other health care professionals and students in the health sciences. Medical students will benefit the most, but nursing and allied health students will also find these programs useful. The publisher originally developed videotapes in this area between 1984 and 1986 and they were available for purchase by libraries and institutions. This website now offers updated versions of these original "award-winning" videotapes plus some entirely new programs in streaming video format that is accessible on all computer systems and mobile devices; closed captioning for the hearing impaired is also available. The videos demonstrate appropriate interviewing and history-taking skills using real patients in some cases and actors in others. Videos, ranging in length from one to five-plus minutes, are organized into the following sections: Interview Skills, Examination Technique, Ophthalmoscopy, Heart Sounds, and Abnormal Findings. Each section is then divided into subsections. For example, the Examination Technique section contains nine sections including Head and Neck, Heart, Neurological Exam, and Pediatric Exam, with further subdivisions in each category. The videos under Examination Technique and Ophthalmoscopy are based on the original videotapes while all other programs are new. New content is added regularly and the publisher revises videos as needed to comply with current screening guidelines (e.g., modules on Pap and STD testing under Pelvic Examination). Interactive case history modules are planned for 2014. Site visitors can access several sample vignettes in the Demo section. Overall, a valuable resource for medical school libraries and libraries with strong health sciences collections at institutions that train health professionals. **Summing Up:** Highly recommended. Upper-division undergraduates and above. -- *D. Sibley, Louisiana State University Health Science Center*