The Neuro-Ophthalmology Virtual Education Library (NOVEL) is an open access, discipline specific repository of multimedia (images, videos, lectures and other digital media) to support neuro-ophthalmology professionals, educators, students and patients. This collaboration between the North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society (NANOS) and the Eccles Health Sciences Library of the University of Utah creates a unique model for digital collection development. NANOS members are enthusiastic about the project and have committed a great deal of time and energy in providing content, metadata, and peer review.

GENERAL INFORMATION
- The About NOVEL page: provides background information on the project, frequently asked questions, descriptions of the collections, minutes of meetings, as well as the original grant proposal and annual reports.  
  [http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/about](http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/about)

NEW WEB DESIGN:
- The NOVEL site is being redesigned and the new look should be appearing on the Web site soon. The new look will be more compatible with the NANOS web site and should provide intuitive navigation to all the collections and services of the project. A new Advanced Searching feature is available now from the NOVEL home page.

NOVEL COLLECTIONS:
- AAO-NANOS Clinical Collection: [http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL-AAO-NANOS/](http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL-AAO-NANOS/)
- David G. Cogan Collection: [http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Cogan/](http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Cogan/)
- William F. Hoyt Collection: [http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Hoyt/](http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Hoyt/)
- Randy Kardon: [http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Kardon/](http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Kardon/)
- John S. Kennerdell: [http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Kennerdell/](http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Kennerdell/)
- Irene E. Loewenfeld Collection: [http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Loewenfeld/](http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Loewenfeld/)
- Moran Eye Center Collection: [http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Moran/](http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Moran/)
- Alfredo A. Sadun: [http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Sadun/](http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Sadun/)
- J. Lawton Smith Collection: [http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Smith/](http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Smith/)
- Frank B. Walsh Collection: [http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Walsh/](http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Walsh/)
- Shirley H. Wray Collection: [http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Wray/](http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Wray/)

PATIENT PORTAL
- A new Patient Portal has been established in NOVEL, based on the collection of patient brochures created by NANOS members. 14 topics are available, with more in development. There are links to reliable and authoritative information for consumers though Medline PLUS and scholarly publications from PubMed. The patient portal will also link information seekers to support groups, information within the NOVEL library, and vetted web-resources. This will allow patients we service in neuro-ophthalmology to find quality information about their conditions. URL: [http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/portal/](http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/portal/)
RARE DISEASE REGISTRY

- NOVEL has established a gateway for a Rare Disease Registry which provides a mechanism of communication between Neuro-ophthalmologists who see rare and unusual diseases. Under the leadership of Larry Frohman, MD, stewards have been identified for six rare diseases that will be developed as pilot projects. Standardized data collection tools will be developed for each disease. The steward will be responsible for systematically collecting and organizing this information. The objective is to allow NANOS members and other interested physicians to contribute both past and contemporaneously seen cases in standard format to the appropriate data steward, who will analyze the data. The goal is to allow NOVEL to be a vehicle facilitating group definition of the natural history and best therapies of disease too rare for any single institution to define. URL: http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/rare/

JOURNAL OF NEURO-OPTHALMOLOGY ARCHIVES

- An effort is underway to add the entire archive of the Journal of Neuro-Ophthalmology (JNO). Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (LWW) has transferred the complete collection of JNO electronic archives to NOVEL. This contains the volumes from 1994 to the present. The articles are being catalogued as a new collection. This will provide an alternative means of accessing and preserving the literature, convenient to NOVEL users. Articles from each new JNO issue will be added as they are released from the one year publisher’s access embargo. Currently, 1994-1999 are available on the NOVEL Web site: http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/jno

NEW AND EXPANDING COLLECTIONS

- John S. Kennerdell contributed 65 cases of unique orbital surgery and pathology. These cases are available in PowerPoint format. Alfredo Sadun has contributed his collection of nearly 100 PowerPoint lectures in neuro-ophthalmology. This collection is under construction now. Robert Daroff has donated his wonderful video of understanding eye movements. This video will soon be available on the Web site. We have acquired the abstracts for the Walsh Society meetings for the years 1973-1984. We need 5 additional years to complete that collection. The Shirley H. Wray collection is nearly complete, with 158 patient cases. All collections are peer reviewed by a committee of NANOS members. This committee will be using the Online Journal System (OJS) to receive new submissions and conduct reviews.

VOCABULARY/NEURO-OPTHALMOLOGY OUTLINE