Mapping Medicine:

Collaborative Collection Management For Biomedical Resources
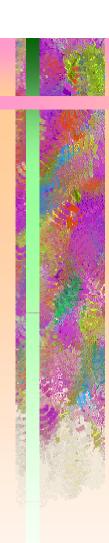
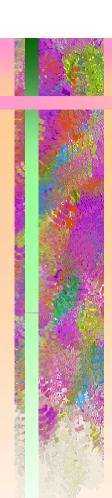# Project Background

- 1999 Conference- "Healthy Heritage"

- Problems associated with increase in printed biomedical resources

- Suggested research into planning future based on co-operation as a possible solution
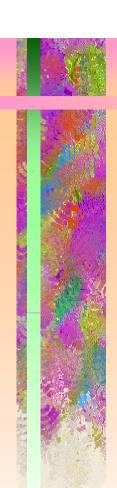
Partners

- British Library
- Kings Fund
- Royal College of Nursing
- Royal College of Surgeons
- Royal Society of Medicine
- University College London
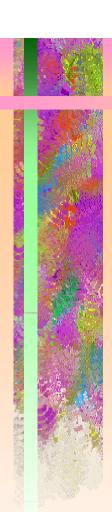- Institute of Neurology
- Wellcome Library

Aims and Objectives

- Map partners' collections of printed biomedical materials
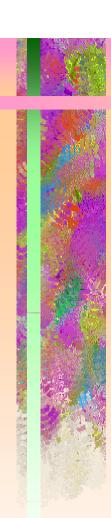- Establish a formal collaborative collection management scheme

Deliverables

- A web based 'database'
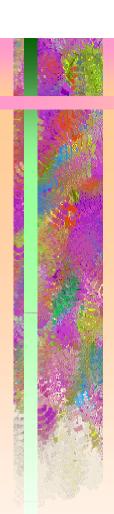- Model for a formal collaborative collection scheme

Project Methodology

- Collection assessment using iCAS software (Interactive Collection Analysis system)
- Analysis of existing partners' collecting and access policies
- Survey of uncatalogued materials
- Mapping Medicine web site
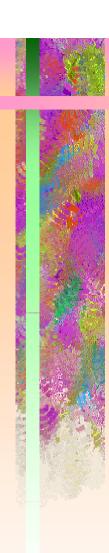
Collection Analysis Methodology

- **iCAS software (Interactive Collection Analysis system)**

- **Using NLM subject heading iCAS will:**
    - **Analyse at division/subject/category level**
    - **Display title overlap/ uniqueness**

Alternatives to iCAS

- Collections Survey

- 'In house' method

Progress to date

- **Collection Analysis Methodology**
  - Test Sample
- **Survey of uncatalogued materials**
- **Examination of existing access/collecting polices**
- **Web site**
- **Marketing**