

What's The Library Got To Do With It? Partnering for Evidence Based Practice at Stony Brook University

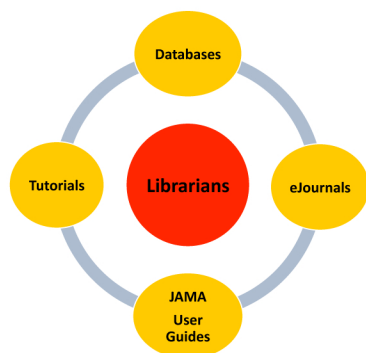
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Evidence Based Practice

"Half of what you are taught as medical students will in 10 years have been shown to be wrong. And the trouble is, none of your teachers knows which half."

Dr. Sydney Burwell, Dean of the Harvard Medical School, 1956

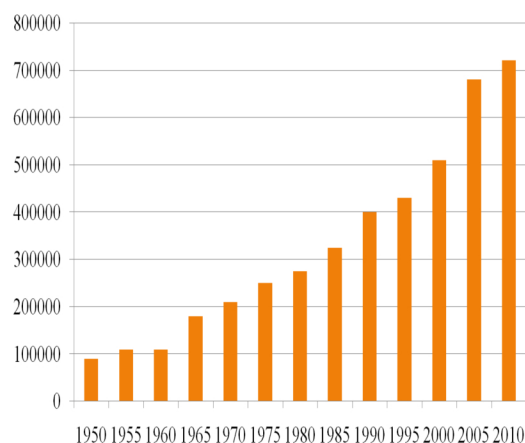
Providing the Evidence



Source Databases

ACP Journal Club
Cochrane Library
PubMed Clinical Queries
Stat!Ref Evidence Alerts
TRIP Database
UpToDate

Annual Addition of Articles
to MEDLINE (PubMed)



Medical Librarian's Role

A core value of the three health sciences librarians involved in reference and instructional services is to advance evidence based practice, research, and education within all interdisciplinary areas. The philosophy of these faculty librarians is to promote and support evidence based healthcare and provide clinicians and researchers with the appropriate scholarly literature resources and the knowledge to use them effectively. By promoting the seamless dissemination of scholarly publications, evidence based practice is possible, improving healthcare, and patient outcomes.

Effective decision making is supported because health sciences librarians evaluate, acquire, maintain, and eventually teach the proper use of this type of information. With the growing importance of evidence based practice, there is a greater emphasis on librarians working directly with healthcare providers in their workplace and not in the library. Previous studies have demonstrated that information from the hospital library resulted in changes in diagnosis, choice of tests, choices of drugs, decreased length of stay, hospital charges, and avoiding surgery.

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