

LIBRARY SERVICES

Library services are available to all HSE employees and to students on clinical placement ... and are easily accessible. The library website - www.hselibrary.ie - is home to a comprehensive collection of knowledge resources supporting patient care and continuing professional development.

Subject areas include: Anaesthesia; Arthritis and Rheumatology; Cardiology and Cardiovascular Medicine; Critical and Intensive Care; Dentistry; Dermatology; Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism; Emergency Medicine; Epidemiology; Gastroenterology and Hepatology; Geriatrics; Haematology; Infection Control; Immunology; Infectious Diseases; Intellectual Disabilities; Internal Medicine; Microbiology; Nephrology; Neurology; Nursing and Midwifery; Nutrition and Dietetics; Obstetrics and Gynecology; Occupational Therapy; Oncology; Ophthalmology; Otolaryngology; Paediatrics; Palliative Medicine; Pharmacology; Physiotherapy; Primary Care; Psychiatry and Mental Health; Public Health; Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging; Respiratory Medicine; Speech and Language Therapy; Surgery; Urology.

CLINICAL QUERIES



Our librarians are expertly trained in locating best quality health information. We can carry out a literature search for you, or recommend how best to find the information yourself.

Go to www.hselibrary.ie and click on Submit a Research Request. Complete the short online form with your contact details and clinical question.

We will: analyse your question into PICO components; assign a question category; conduct primary and secondary searches of relevant resources; collate a selection of results and return to you with a summary of search strategy used and resources searched.



Last year, we completed 6,013 1/4-hour units of literature searching for library service users.

TRAINING



We provide individual and group training on the use of all resources available, as well as a range of print and video tutorials.

Contact your local library for assistance in getting the most out of the resources available to you.

10,000+ e-journals | 1,000+ e-books | BNF | CINAHL | ClinicalKey | Cochrane Library | MEDLINE | UpToDate ...



Last year, we completed 1,151 1/4-hour training sessions with library service users.

POINT OF CARE



Use *UpToDate*, *ClinicalKey* or other resources to answer clinical questions directly related to patient care.

UpToDate Survey

98% of respondents stated that *UpToDate* helped answer questions about patient care.

95% ... *UpToDate* was integral to my decision making.

84% ... led to a change in patient management.

97% ... helped provide better quality care for my patients.

91% ... made me more confident in my decisions.



Last year, library service users consulted more than 10,000 point-of-care topics per month.

YOUR LIBRARY AND EVIDENCE-INFORMED HEALTHCARE



Irish health librarians are committed to supporting the principles of evidence-informed healthcare.

Evidence-informed healthcare requires that decisions about patient care or health policy "are based on the best available, current, valid and relevant evidence. These decisions should be made by those receiving care, informed by the tacit and explicit knowledge of those providing care, within the context of available resources." All health professionals should "understand the principles of [evidence-informed healthcare] ... recognise it in action, implement evidence-based policies, and have a critical attitude to their own practice and to evidence."

Sicily Statement on Evidence-Based Practice

It has been demonstrated that use of library resources and services has a positive impact on health outcomes for patients, reduces risk and generates time- and cost-savings: reduced hospital admissions; reduced hospital-acquired infections; avoidance of unnecessary tests or procedures; avoidance of surgery; reduced length of stay.