

Quality Medical Knowledge Foundation

Brief Introduction

Quality Medical (QMed) Knowledge Foundation works in a very niche area of medical education and research.

Our long term Vision is to make better doctors out of today's medical students How do we plan to do this?

We train medical and allied health students to

- Get the most relevant & important information from the myriad resources on the Internet and their libraries
- Store their results and reference them correctly in publications

Our goal is to have such courses introduced in the curriculum and so we do offer our courses to medical teachers, and all health professionals.

What will be the outcome?

1. Anyone in the health profession will waste far less time in searching for the right information for academics, research, and patient care
2. They get the right knowledge updates quickly and have more time as well as skills for better patient care and research
3. Budgets spent on libraries will have a much better Return on Investments

What made us start this?

Our founder, a former medical librarian, observed that there is an acute lacuna in training of medical (and healthcare) students in literature searching & referencing. These lacunae should have ideally been addressed by bodies like the Medical Council of India and the ICMR, but have not been covered.

Has this need been clearly established?

In more than 400 lectures and 230 workshops for around 22000 participants, the most common feedback has been "We wish we had learned this earlier".

Our lectures/workshops have been incorporated in International events in India - by MECOR - a unit of the American Thoracic Society - which trains Physicians in India for research, by The Union (IUATLD) which trains TB physicians in India and by FAIMER - a program for Medical Teachers.

We have now created our first online course - "Mastering PubMed" at [<http://qmed.mediknit.org>] which includes MCQs and an assessment. The Association of Minimal Access Surgeons has subscribed to this, for its 10000 members. Two more modules courses will be launched soon

Vasumathi Sriganesh - our Founder is recognized as a speaker by the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences & the Maharashtra Medical Council. She is also a member of the Academy of Health Professions Education, India. In 2013, she won an International Award for her work - presented at the Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association, USA