

From lectures and workshops to E-learning initiatives, to teach literature searching and referencing to health sciences students and teachers in India

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BACKGROUND

Observation of a medical librarian

- Information literacy / search skills / referencing training
 - Absent in the medical curriculum
 - Minimal in the working environment

BACKGROUND

- Problem
 - “They don’t know what they don’t know”
 - Those who should mandate also did not know

OUR FOUNDATION

QMed Knowledge Foundation: 2007-

In the last 5+ years:

- Delivered more than 100 lectures (1 hour) in Research Methodology workshops
- **We conducted more than 100 workshops (half / full day) across the country**

TRAINING PROGRAMS

- Programs
 - PubMed
 - Cochrane Library
 - Other resources
 - Reference Management Tool (Mendeley)
- Coverage
 - Background information about sources
 - Search tools and features
 - Saving & Importing references / citing in manuscript

ACHIEVEMENT THIS YEAR

- “Maharashtra University of Health Sciences”
 - Included the name (of VS) in the “list of approved faculty for Research Methodology workshops”

SPREADING OUR WORK

- MUHS list
- Referrals
- Word of mouth
- Our promotional initiatives
- Social media – mainly Facebook!

E-LEARNING INITIATIVES

- Repeated requests for E-Learning
 - Mainly from students
 - Fair number from younger faculty
- Moodle workshop – to learn ourselves
- Created a sample
- Planned lots of content

CONTENT PLAN

Introduction to Information Resources

- Types of information needs / resources to use
 - Background / Factual Resources
 - Research Resources
 - Analysis / synthesis of research
- Awareness of other classification of information resources

QMed's Courses

Quality Medical (QMed) Knowledge Foundation is a Not for profit Trust set up in December 2007. The Foundation aims to help medical teachers and students integrate best practices in searching medical literature and critically appraising the same for their academic activities and eventually in medical practice.

The Foundation conducts lectures, workshops and training programs for the students and faculty, helps them with literature searches, obtaining articles, and in their medical writing activity. To strengthen the infrastructure for such activities the Foundation trains and helps medical librarians to use the Internet and IT effectively in their services.

Courses

▼ Health Information Resources

🔍 Introduction to Health Information Resources



Medical literature searching

Reference Management

How to read a paper

▶ Miscellaneous

Collapse all Expand all

Search courses:

An Introduction to Health Information Resources

Introduction

This introductory tutorial introduces some concepts about Health Information Resources that make it much simpler to plan your searching. Trust me, you will find these tips save you some time. They are so simple that you wonder why you did not think of them earlier!

We also introduce you to a couple more standard ways that Information Resources are classified. It is important to know these too, because you will come across such organization in several excellent websites.

At the end of this course two things you will make a habit of are:

- When you go to any website, you will automatically be able to classify the kinds of resources available
- When you have a "search topic" in mind - from anything that is as simple as "I want to know the meaning of Sjogren's Syndrome" to something as complex as "Is there any evidence to show whether one type of treatment works better than another" you will immediately understand which type of resource you should check out.

Note

QMed Knowledge Foundation's activities are directed towards health science students and professionals in and from India. While all are welcome to use this tutorial, we have to prioritize an Indian Audience for the "Friends of QMed" program

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 -  Types of Resources
 -  Type I Resources
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 -  Type III Resources
 -  Quiz - Identify Information Resources by their Types
 -  Quiz - Match the questions with the appropriate "T..."
 - Other Classifications of Information Resources
- Miscellaneous

CONTENT PLAN: MORE COURSES

Searching & Referencing

- PubMed – Basics
- PubMed – Advanced
- Cochrane Library
- Mendeley

INTERESTING ACTIVITY

- Involved a just qualified medical graduate – to create examples for PubMed
 - MeSH terms – with variables (real term / synonym with entry term / no mesh term...)
 - Single citation matcher
 - Search examples

LIFE HAS OTHER PLANS!

- Funding – a perpetual problem!
- Flooded with lectures / workshops
- Realized – need to revamp our website
- E-Learning initiatives did not “take off yet”

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REVAMPING WEBSITE

Decision – try out new web-designer

DIRECTORY – INDIAN MEDICAL SITES

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Don't just do it

Welcome to QMed's comprehensive Directory of Indian Medical Sites. Our aim is to make this resource the **first choice for locating websites of Indian medical & healthcare entities / information resources**. There are currently 3528 sites in the Directory. This number will probably change several times a day as we add new websites (or in the current stage, delete some as we detect errors)! With simple browsing as well as advanced search facilities, you will be able to find what you need effortlessly. With time we hope to offer more complex search features as well!

We encourage you to create an account for yourself (click the **Login** link above), so that you can save searches, create your list of favorite sites and also share sites with others. If you go to the View All Categories page, you could even set up an email alert, if you would like to know

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LITERATURE SEARCH

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Lecture at Pharmatech 2013 – Venue: KEM Hospital, April 3, 2013

Dept of Pharmacology & Therapeutics, Seth GS Medical College & KEM Hospital Mumbai had organized a 10-day workshop – “Pharmatech” for PG students of Pharmacology. This event happens every two years. Vasumathi Sriganesh gave a lecture on Literature Searching on April 3, 2013 (the third day of the event). Feedback collected by organizers and mailed to me Dear Ms. ♦...

Research & Medical Writing Workshops in India

Intensive Three Day Research Methodology Workshop; JCOR; May 11-13

The Journal of Clinical Ophthalmology & Research & the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology, in association with the Maharashtra Ophthalmological Society and PD Hinduja National Hospital & Medical Research Centre Announce An intensive 3 day workshop on Research Methodology on 10th (Friday) , 11th (Saturday) & 12th (Sunday) May 2013 At : P.D.HindujaNationalHospital & MRC...



Categories

- VS Shares
- QMed's Workshops
- Lectures – Litsearch & Referencing
- Other Related Events in India
- Do You Know...?
- Articles of Interest
- QMed Participates ...
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Tags

AIIMS Bhubaneswar **Awards** Ayurveda
Biostatistics Case Control Studies
Clinical Librarians Clinical Trials **CMC**

WHERE WE ARE NOW

- Ideas / content plan – pretty much ready
- **Key Question**
 - Moodle?
 - **Word Press?**

BY MLA 2014

Dreams!!!

- E-Learning programs have been used by
 - India and ...
 - All developing nations?
- **Presentation title**
 - “One year of E-Learning programs from India – experiments / success stories”

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