

Information Skills Training for healthcare professionals

Why information skills training? What can you expect to get out of it?

Evidence-based health information is absolutely core to a health professional's work and thus needs to inform their daily practice in order to achieve best patient treatment outcomes.

Improved search skills will

- allow you to make more informed, evidence-based decisions on patient care, i.e. management of a condition
- make it possible for you to keep up-to-date in your daily practice
- place you in a better position to do continuing professional development

Do you need to update your information skills?
Come to us! We will help you!

Quick Start – drop-in lunchtime sessions

If you want to get some quick help with your literature searches but do not have much time on your hands, use this opportunity to get some advice and condensed but useful information.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 12.00 to 13.00

Information at your Fingertips – how the literature search works

By the end of the training session you know how to

- Formulate a search question
- Identify the key components of your search question
- Select the most relevant database(s) for your search
- Map words to the thesaurus, combine search terms and apply limits
- View and save your search results

Tuesday, 17 th August	14.00 – 16.00
Wednesday, 15 th September	09.30 – 11.30
Friday, 15 th October	14.00 – 16.00
Thursday, 11 th November	09.30 – 11.30
Tuesday, 14 th December	14.00 – 16.00

Evidence is close at hand – overview of some of the core online health information resources

This training session will familiarise you with

- The NHS Evidence search engine
- The Cochrane Library
- Electronic Journals
- Guidelines and Clinical Knowledge Summaries (CKS)
- The Specialist Collections

Friday, 20 th August	09.30 – 10.30
Thursday, 23 rd September	14.00 – 15.00
Tuesday, 26 th October	09.30 - 10.30
Wednesday, 24 th November	14.00 – 15.00
Friday, 17 th December	09.30 – 10.30

For further information and to book your place, contact the library at ext 3077 or email ute.manecke@mkhospital.nhs.uk .