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Clinical Information Needs Questionnaire

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Beginning in 2009, the University of Washington Health Sciences Library will begin offering **online access to evidence-based clinical information** to health professionals in Washington State. This initiative is supported by funding from health professionals in accordance with the action of the Washington State Legislature.

In order to better understand your health information needs, the Washington State Medical Association (WSMA), the Health Sciences Library, and the Pacific Northwest Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine have developed the following questionnaire.

By investing just a few minutes to answer the 19 brief questions below, we can design an **online clinical information resource** that can best serve you in delivering health care services.

All responses, including demographic information, are confidential. Any published results will contain aggregated results only. Thank you for your assistance on this important project.

1 Which of the following information **resources** have you used during the past month to help you do your job better? (Check all that apply)

- Textbooks: online
- Textbooks: print
- Drug resources: online
- Drug resources: print
- Evidence-based resources (e.g. Cochrane, Clinical Evidence):
online
- Evidence-based resources (e.g. Cochrane, Clinical Evidence):
print
- Journals: online
- Journals: print
- Clinical practice guidelines: online
- Clinical practice guidelines: print
- Patient education resources: online
- Patient education resources: print

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- CME materials/programs: online
- CME materials/programs: print
- Consultation with colleagues
- Professional associations' web sites
- Other, please specify

2 At what **location(s)** were you when you looked for **online clinical information** during the past month (check all that apply):

- Information online in the exam room
- Information online in your office
- Information online while working at home
- Information online at a hospital library
- I don't use online resources
- Other, please specify

3 Which of the following **portable devices** do you use to access stored/archived **clinical information**? (Check all that apply):

- Palmtop
- PDA (Personal Digital Assistant)
- Tablet computer
- Laptop computer
- Other, please specify

4 What **types of information** do you most commonly search for using **online clinical information resources**, and how frequently do you use each type??

	1 Most Frequently	2 Frequently	3 Occasionally	4 Rarely	5 Never
Questions of diagnosis or treatment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Patient education materials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Questions about medications and drug interactions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Best evidence about a specific topic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

1 2 3 4 5

Algorithms, decision trees, calculators

1 2 3 4 5

- 5 What are the limitations to your use of online information for patient care and answering clinical questions?

CONTENT:

	1 Strongly Agree	2 Agree	3 Disagree	4 Strongly Disagree	5 No Opinion
a. Lack of confidence in the reliability of sources	1	2	3	4	5
b. Preferred resources are not available online	1	2	3	4	5
c. Can't get full text of journal articles	1	2	3	4	5
d. Inadequate level of detail found or inappropriate to the question	1	2	3	4	5

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EFFICIENCY:

	1 Strongly Agree	2 Agree	3 Disagree	4 Strongly Disagree	5 No Opinion
a. Takes too much time to find the answers	1	2	3	4	5
b. Easier to ask a colleague	1	2	3	4	5
c. Easier to look up in my personal books and references	1	2	3	4	5

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SKILLS:

	1 Strongly Agree	2 Agree	3 Disagree	4 Strongly Disagree	5 No Opinion
a. Don't know how to use online resources very well	1	2	3	4	5
b. Don't know how/where to start searching for answers	1	2	3	4	5
c. Difficult to articulate questions using an online resource	1	2	3	4	5

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AVAILABILITY:

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a. Computer is not readily available when I need it				
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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COST:

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a. Computers are too expensive for my practice				
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Online resources are too expensive				
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

- 10 Please indicate your **familiarity** with the following free resources*** available from the National Library of Medicine:

1	2	3	4
Currently Use	Don't Use	Not Interested	Not Aware of Resource
PubMed			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
MedlinePlus			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ClinicalTrials.gov			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
TOXNET			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

- 11 Please indicate your **interest** in training about the following free resources*** available from the National Library of Medicine:

1	2	3	4
Very Interested	Interested	Not Interested	Undecided
PubMed			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
MedlinePlus			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ClinicalTrials.gov			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
TOXNET			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12 If a **training session** on one or more of the topics above were to be offered in your vicinity, when would you most likely attend? Choose one.

- Early morning, weekday
- Lunchtime, weekday
- Evening, weekday
- Saturday
- Other, please specify

13 What are the top **5** resources you use (online, print, any other format) to find information for patient care? (For example: PubMed, Harrison's, PDR, MDConsult...)

14 What are the **3** favorite web-based resources you use to find patient care information?

15 Do you have **access to the services** of a medical librarian or a medical library?

- YES NO

If Yes, please specify:

16 Is there anything else you believe is important for us to know about your needs for **clinical information** in providing patient care?

About Your Practice

17 What is your **specialty**?

- Family Practice
- Internal Medicine

- Pediatrics
- Other, please specify

18 How many **years** has it been since completion of your residency or training?

- 1-5
- 6-10
- 11-20
- Over 20

19 In what city (and state if not Washington) is your **practice located**?

Thank you very much for your time and for providing this valuable input!

"A complete list of NLM databases is available at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/databases/>. Please contact your librarian or the Regional Medical Library if you have questions about any of these tools. If you have privileges at a clinic, hospital, or university with a medical library, the library has most likely made many other excellent clinical resources available to you.

