IN THEIR OWN WORDS: EVOLUTION OF EFFECTIVE SEARCH BEHAVIORS BY MEDICAL STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

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Methods

- A pilot Library-Evidence Based Medicine survey was done in 2012 with medical students. \( n = 10 \)
- In 2013, a revised survey was sent to all medical students enrolled in Years 1 through 4 at UConn School of Medicine.
- Participation was voluntary and anonymous.
- In 2013, 55 student surveys were returned.
- In 2014, 46 student surveys were returned.
- Medical Residents (PGY1 through PGY5) at John Dempsey Hospital-UConn Health were surveyed in 2014. \( n = 88 \)

What was asked on the survey?

- Which UCHC library resources are essential to your clinical knowledge... what can’t you live without?
- How has your selection and use of EBM resources evolved over time?
- What instruction from reference librarians has been most useful?
- Has your efficiency at finding what you need changed over years?

Future Applications

Faculty and course directors have requested that the Library EBM Survey be done in future years. Data collection will be on-going.

Real Quotes from the Medical Student Survey

“Learn to search on the run... you will need to find clinical information in under four minutes.”

“Take advantage of librarians’ expertise and knowledge... they know a lot that can help you.”

“Become an Early Adopter of clinical mobile apps subscriptions... get them on your phone in Year 1.”

“Most important sources? Lexi-Comp, Dynamed, Essential Evidence. I use these resources daily.”

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