

# HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY NEWS

RESOURCES & SERVICES FOR ALL YOUR INFORMATION NEEDS

## HDGH HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY CONSIDERED "ESSENTIAL" ACCORDING TO NORTH AMERICAN VALUE STUDY

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The Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital Health Sciences Library, in conjunction with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine and the School of Information & Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, recently conducted the "Value of Library and Information Services in Patient Care Study." The purpose of the study was to understand the value and impact of the information resources and services provided by the library and the librarian on patient care.

#### Online resources are in demand

Online journals, MEDLINE (online database), and online books were the top 3 library resources used by both attending physicians and nurses.

#### The library saves time

Having access to the information saved an average of 2.6 hours for both attending physicians and nurses.

#### Information is valued

100% of the attending physicians that responded indicated that the information was relevant, accurate, current, and of clinical value. 97% of nurses that responded indicated that the information was relevant, accurate, current, and will be of use now or in the future.

As well, 93% of all respondents (both attending physicians and nurses) indicated that the information contributed to higher quality of care, and 92% indicated that the information resulted in a better informed clinical decision.

#### The library is a definitive source

97% of attending physicians that responded indicated that library/information resources were either "important" or "very important." When asked how they valued discussion with colleagues, 76% attending physicians that responded indicated "important" or "very important." Additionally, 94% of nurses that responded indicated that library/information resources were "important" or "very important." Library users access information in one of three ways: via the library's website, by asking a librarian or library staff member, or accessing materials directly within the library.

#### Information can change the outcome

When asked whether they handled any aspect of the clinical situation differently as a result of having the information, 90% of the attending physicians that responded indicated "yes."

#### Top 5 ways in which changes in patient care were made as a result of the information:

Diagnosis, Choice of drugs, Choice of test, Choice of other treatments, Advice given to patient or family

#### Top 5 key adverse events avoided as a result of the information:

Misdiagnosis, Patient mortality, Adverse drug reaction or interaction, Additional tests or procedures, Patient misunderstanding of disease



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