

Usage Patterns of Medical Information E- Resources among Postgraduate Medical Doctors in Sri Lanka

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Abstract

The main focus of the research was to examine the Usage pattern of electronic resources by the postgraduate medical doctors in Sri Lanka. . The study was carried out for researchers who are doing study to explore the information usage patterns of postgraduate trainees at the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Questionnaire method was used to examine and collect data from the research scholars. The collected data has been analyzed with the help of Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS). The results revealed that there is a significant difference among researchers in different age groups who are familiar with utilization of electronic resources. Course oriented web pages should be linked with library websites which in turn help the research scholars to use these resources easily and effectively.

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Introduction

Medical information (MI) carries very high importance to any nation as its status determine the level of wellbeing of the people in a country. It is pivotal role of any government to provide appropriate access systems and relevant and timely information to the medical practitioners and patients and other stake holders to maintain a healthy nation. MI thus plays a significant role in health infrastructure of a country. It is essential that Medical Officers (MOs) to be skillful in needs information for their clinical decisions, safe patient care and their own continuous professional development. Therefore, fulfillment of information needs of play a significant role for the MOs to perform their professional duties efficiently and effectively. It is essential that a MOs be skillful in diagnosing and curing patients' diseases. There is a dire need for a strong informational system for health care professionals in order to meet diverse information needs so that they can perform their professional duties effectively and efficiently. Information about information usage patterns and information-seeking processes is essential in this regard. This study is an attempt to explore the information usage patterns of postgraduate trainees at the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo. The study identifies information usage patterns, types of information used by them, and problems faced by them in finding required information while using the library.