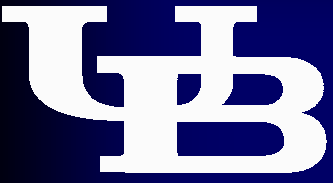


The Informationist in a Clinical Setting

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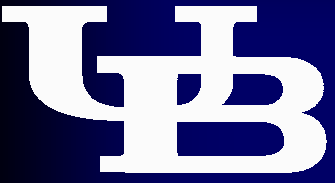
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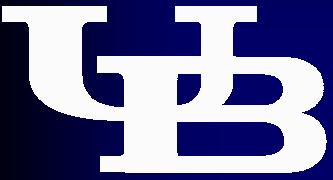
What Do You Currently Do?

- Clinical Duties
 - Nuclear Medicine
 - Neurology
 - Provide Information that is
 - Patient Specific (Consult)
 - General
 - Conferences, journal clubs
- Research
- Teaching
 - SOPPS
 - Medical School
 - Residents/Fellows



Are You An Informationist?

- Yes
 - Training
 - MedLine
 - Drug Expertise
 - Integral Part of Research Practice
 - Integral Part of Clinical Practice
- No
 - Not “paid” responsibility
 - Literature Interpretation
 - Information Retrieval Viewed as “demeaning”
 - Time
 - To do correctly



Issues

- Training
 - Information Retrieval vs. Interpretation
 - Biology, Pathophysiology
- Liability
 - Malpractice?
- Who Pays?
 - “Everybody loves free ice cream”
 - Clinical Pharmacy Experience
- Technology
- Current Practitioners!

