

Informationist: Research

2 Concepts

- Informationist in Support of Researchers
- Informationist as Researcher
- A Continuum...?



In Support of Researchers

- Facilitates Access to Knowledge and Databases
- Performs Complex Searches and Data Mining to Retrieve Appropriate Information
- Quality Filters, Critically Analyzes, and Abstracts Information on Demand
- Provides IRB Consultation
- A Librarian +

As Researcher

- Serves as Part of Research Team [PI, Co-I, or Investigator on Grants]
- Researches and Writes All or Part of Background and Significance Section of Grants
- Creates Knowledge Management Framework for Research
- Participates in Writing Research Reports

Issues

Research Support

- Culture
 - External
- Education & Training
 - Information Science
 - Discipline Familiarity
- Credentials
 - Masters Prepared

Researcher

- Culture
 - Internal
- Education & Training
 - Information/Discipline
 - Research Mentor
- Credentials
 - Doctorally Prepared

The Cancer TRAIN

An NCI R25 – 3 Information Roles

The Librarian – M.L.S.

- Designs Web Page [Education]
- Selects Linked Resources

The Informationist – M.D., M.L.S.

- Evaluates Internet Information

The Researcher – Ph.D., M.L.S.

- Part of Core Research Team [Co-I]
- Develops Intervention; Oversees Evaluation

Issues Revisited

- Culture
- Education and Training
- Credentials
- The Informationist Researcher Loop