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Librarians collaborate to touch the lives of patients through community pediatricians

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Objective:

Describe the process and outcomes developed by the Evidence Based Practice Collaborative (EBPC) to answer questions from community pediatricians.

Discussion:

The primary role of the EBPC is to create and publish Clinical Practice Guideline (CPGs) at our hospital. Last year, primary care pediatricians (PCPs), who are asked for advice on current health topics of concern to parents, asked EBPC for assistance in providing answers to these questions. The EBPC expanded their services to include providing answers to community generated questions. Librarians are involved throughout the process.

Process:

The process begins with the question asked by the PCP. The question is strengthened by the EBPC steering committee to determine the scope and range of resources required to inform the PCP. Librarians search for evidence from pertinent resources, such as primary literature, government resources for policies or regulations, position statements of professional groups, consumer advocate websites and publications. Resources recommended by the PCPs are obtained. Trained EBPC scholars synthesize the information, and the evidence synopsis is presented to the PCP and published on the institutional public website.

Conclusion:

Librarians play a pivotal role as part of the EBPC. This process assures PCPs are given current, balanced and useful information to share with parents of the children for whom they provide care.