



## *The Librarian's Role in Information Mastery: Assessing the Usefulness of Clinical Information Sources*

**Date:** November 13, 2009

**Time:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Location:** University of Maryland Health Sciences & Human Services Library  
Computer Lab, Room LL05, Lower Level  
<http://www.hshsl.umaryland.edu/general/directions.html>

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**Course Description:** Clinicians are drowning in a sea of medical information. Clinicians' information needs are setting-dependent, but librarians have traditionally focused on supplying comprehensive retrieval of citations. The gap between what clinicians want and what librarians provide is becoming more evident in modern practice. To close this gap, clinicians and librarians must come together under the umbrella of information mastery to find and incorporate the best information, based on the "Usefulness of Medical Information Equation". This equation stresses evaluating information for a balance between three concepts: validity, relevance, and the time it takes to find an answer. Librarians' abilities to evaluate resources and search effectively are the essential basis of information retrieval, but new skills are necessary to optimize the provision of the right information, at the right time and situation. In this class you will analyze clinical information needs, learn new skills, and investigate new tools and resources.

**Agenda** --- Why Information Mastery? / Assessing Relevance Before Rigor / Exercise: Is it a POEM that matters? / A Look at Validity : Evaluating Information about Therapies / The Librarian & Work / Evaluating Searching Tools / Harmonizing Clinical Experience & Evidence-Based Medicine

(This course does not provide C.E. credits)

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