

The Impact of Medical Libraries

October is National Medical Librarians Month created by the [Medical Library Association \(MLA\)](#) to raise awareness of the important role of the health information professional. This year's theme is: **Make Better Decisions Faster: Consult Your Health Information Professional**. As experts in information management, evidence-based practice, and research impact, our team is here to support you in finding credible health information quickly and efficiently. As the pace and demand of clinical research have increased, Medical Librarians and health information staff have become essential partners in combating the spread of health misinformation.

Our mission is to "... foster the creation and sharing of knowledge among the faculty, staff, and students of the Feinberg School of Medicine and its affiliates. We strive to advance leading-edge patient care, research, and education through integrated partnerships, dedicated services and resources, and a deep commitment to innovation and excellence."

One of the best ways to connect with us is through our [Liaison Librarian](#) program which offers collaborative support and takes an integrative approach to all aspects of your research. Every department, program, center, and institute within the Feinberg School of Medicine is assigned an individual librarian who triages specialized information requests and is available for specific instruction and consultation. Our team members are also experts in [systematic review collaboration](#), [research impact analysis](#), and [NIH mandate support](#).



AVOID HEALTH MISINFORMATION!

Take the right path: Partner with your medical librarian

Make Better Decisions With a Medical Librarian

A study of 118 hospitals with more than 16,122 participants found that



Made better informed clinical decisions



Changed advice given to a patient



Changed the choice of drugs



Changed a diagnosis

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Medical librarians help improve outcomes.

Consult medical librarians to get best-in-class, evidence-based answers.



Save Money

Morning reports revealed median hospital charges were reduced by

\$3,618

per case



Improve Outcomes

12%

reported cost savings through reduced hospital length of stay



Reduce Patient Stays

A systematic review of 28 studies indicated a reduction in length of patient stay by

10-19%

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Banks, DE, et al, 2007 | Bettie, A, et al, 2016 | Weigman, AL, et al, 2005

- [Chat with us](#) Monday – Friday from 10:00am - 4:00pm.
- Email us at gghsl-ref@northwestern.edu; questions are usually answered by the next business day.
- Call us at **312-503-8126** during our [hours of operation](#).

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