Message from the CLS Chair

Happy spring!

CLS is in the final throes of preparing for the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association in Seattle, WA. In addition to our great programming we will have a table at the Section Shuffle on Sunday and promote Skin Cancer Awareness. You will want to stop by and receive our fun give away.

The Cancer Librarians Section will also receive the first ever Section Project of the Year Award for our innovative inclusion of video submissions in our 2011 programming. I will represent our section and accept the award on May 21st at Monday’s Award Luncheon. Janet Crum, CLS Chair-Elect, has put together great sessions for this year. The following programs are scheduled:

- Clinical Librarians into the Game: Collaborating with Clinicians to Improve Patient Care
- Smells like Team Spirit: Partnerships to Move Your Library Forward (co-sponsored with the Leadership and Management Section)
- From the Bench to the Field: Translational Research or Science (co-sponsored with the national program committee)

For the federated meeting in Boston in 2013, Margaret Vugrin has led our programming efforts. An invited speaker/contributed papers session, The Cancer Spectrum: Living, Surviving, and End of Life Issues will explore the many facets of the cancer lifespan for both patients and family members: diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, and end of life issues.

One of our goals this past year was to increase the CLS membership by 10%. We started the year with 83 members and are now down to 79, a 5% decrease. I hope that our participation at Section Shuffle will bring us back up to our previous numbers and we continue to focus on this in the coming year.

Frank Davis, incoming CLS chair-elect from the University of Kentucky Medical Center Library in Lexington, KY, has begun updating our recommended websites listed on our section website and has assistance from the following volunteers: Carrie Arnold with the University of Utah Huntsman Cancer Institute in Salt Lake City, UT; Jan Orick from the Biomedical Library at St Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, TN; Gail Hendler from the Hirsch Health Sciences Library, Tufts University in Boston, MA; Mark Vrabel with Oncology Nursing Society in Pittsburg, PA; and Grace Gmeindl with West Virginia University Health Science Library in Morgan Town, VA. Thank you for taking time to work on this initiative for our section.

Hope to see many of you in Seattle!

Stephanie Fulton
Chair, CLS 2011-2012
Sunday, May 20, 2012 – Clinical Librarians Get into the Game: Collaborating with Clinicians to Improve Patient Care – Cancer Librarians Section
4:30 PM to 6:00 PM, Room 611 – Washington State Convention Center
Co-sponsors: Clinical Librarians and Evidence-Based Health Care SIG, Federal Libraries Section, and Dental Section.

Opening Day: Reflections by a Clinical Medical Librarian on Clinical Rounds during the First Day Implementation of a New Electronic Health Record System
Julia Esparza, AHIP Clinical Medical Librarian and Assistant Professor, Medical Library, Louisiana State University Health Science Center, Shreveport, LA; Gunjan Kahlon Assistant Professor and Section Chief, General Internal Medicine, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Shreveport, LA

Objectives: Across the country, hospitals are implementing new electronic health records to meet federally mandated changes for Medicare reimbursement. With the implementation of a new electronic health record, there can be excitement and anxiety for many organizations. A clinical medical librarian (CML) will discuss the implementation of a new electronic health record (EHR) and the effect on clinical rounds.

Methods: The CML typically rounds with a faculty physician, residents, and medical students each day at the point of care. Up until implementation of the new HER, the CML was the only one carrying a netbook to access the current medical record system. What effect does implementation of a new EHR have on clinical rounds? What effect does an iPad play when each member can now access the EHR and library resources at the point of care? The CML will describe the experiences of adapting to a new EHR. Focus for the presentation will be on the CML’s experiences and the benefits of the new system over the old. Where appropriate, reflections from the faculty physician, resident, and medical student will be included in the presentation.

Results: Observations of the first day with the new EHR showed a vast level of confusion. Education beyond how to use the EHR was significantly reduced. While there were "superusers" on floors to assist clinicians, the vast amount of clinicians struggled to complete simple tasks. In addition, further frustration was experienced when the system went down on and off on the third and fourth days. The system had a deep learning curve for older clinicians who were not confident in their typing, but the system was useful in that many check boxes and drop-down menus eased the use of the system.

Conclusions: While the first days were chaotic within the first two weeks of implementation, most individual clinicians using the system everyday were beginning to feel confident. Now three months out, both inpatient and outpatient visit levels are almost back up to pre-implementation levels.

Stepping out of the Library: The Use of iPads for Patient Care
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Objectives: The librarians seek to measure how physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals use iPads to support their patient care, including identifying how they are searching at the bedside and which applications and sites they find most useful in supporting evidence-based clinical decision making.

Methods: The librarians staffed office hours in the hospital cafeteria, showcasing library resources and drawing special attention to the tools available on handheld devices. Those who participated in demonstrations completed a short questionnaire identifying which resources they use for patient care and how, if given the opportunity, they would use an iPad to improve patient care. From these questionnaires, the librarians identified nurses, physicians, and other health care professionals to loan one iPad each for a three-month period. These health care professionals were required to fill out monthly surveys to state how they used the iPad to improve clinical care and which resources were most useful to them. After the three-month period, the iPads were rotated to a different group of health care professionals, and this process continued on a three-month cycle.
Results and Conclusions: My results are not complete yet. If selected, I will come back into the system and enter my results after December 2011.

Switch Hitter: Balancing Embedded and Traditional Liaison Roles  
Jonathan B. Koffel, Clinical Information Librarian, Bio-Medical Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Objectives: While some librarians provide full-time embedded service to specific departments, others must balance embedded roles with general liaison activities. This paper will describe the successes, failures, and recommendations of a clinical librarian taking on an embedded role part-time.

Methods: The author serves as a clinical information librarian at the University of Minnesota (UMN) Bio-Medical Library and supports the needs of residents and clinical departments across the UMN Medical School. He was approached by the neurology residency director, who was interested in improving the evidence-based medicine (EBM) and information use skills of her residents. They created a plan where the author would joins rounds, participate in journal club, create a blog around EBM questions and issues, and codesign and teach an EBM curriculum. His impact will be assessed via qualitative surveys and feedback from residents and faculty. At the same time as working with neurology, the author sought to balance this embedded role with competing roles in other departments and duties within the libraries.

Results: Over the course of 6 months, the author spent about 1 day each week with neurology, attending rounds and conferences and meeting with residents. Despite this moderate time commitment, the author developed a strong relationship with the department and residents and became well integrated into it. At the same time, he was able to pursue opportunities with other clinical departments and begin developing a new outreach program to researchers.

Conclusions: Liaisons can take on traditionally embedded roles, like rounding or journal clubs, while still serving other departments and user groups.

Bases Loaded, Patient at Bat: Genetics Clinicians, Clinical Librarian, and Consumer Librarian Collaborate to Enhance Patient Care  
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Objectives: To form a collaboration among clinicians (physician and counselors) and librarians (clinical and consumer) to enhance patient care for patients seen in the genetics clinic by increasing clinicians’ productivity and efficiency and by offering disease-specific, literacy-level-appropriate consumer health information to patients, parents, or caregivers.

Methods: Clinical librarian attends pre-clinic meeting to review patients and diagnoses and determines information needs. Librarian researches the topic, sends results to clinician. Library staff obtains requested articles, exports citations to RefWorks, inserts link to article in citation, or attaches portable document format file (PDF) for clinician’s review. Clinician requests consumer health information consult via patient’s electronic medical record (EMR). Consumer librarian retrieves requests, searches the consumer health literature, reviews it for literacy level, delivers it to patient or parents, tracks information in RefWorks, and adds RefWorks link to EMR. Measure impact: Patient surveys, library statistics, calendar review. Population: rural, disperse, located in twenty-three counties.

Results:  
Program statistics:
- 538 clinical searches
- 1,407 articles obtained
- 111 information consult requests
- 39 patient feedback surveys returned

Impact on clinicians:
- Visit preparation time reduced from 2-3 weeks to 2-3 days
- Number of pre-authorization requests for tests reduced
- More complete information at the patients initial appointment

Impact on patients:
- Information has positive impact on understanding of condition or treatment
- Wait time for new appointments reduced
- Unnecessary testing reduced
- Earlier treatment/intervention
- Fewer return visits
- Reduces patient time, effort, costs
Conclusions: This successful, collaborative project among genetics' clinicians and librarians has had a positive impact on patient care for both clinicians and patients. The clinicians need less time to prepare for a patient encounter. They maximize the time they spend with the patients. They have more information about the patient’s potential diagnoses at the time of the initial visit. Having more information allows the clinician to spend more time reviewing the diagnosis with the patient and addressing his or her concerns and to selectively order tests. Patients receive trusted, accurate, and up-to-date health information they use to better understand their condition or treatment.

Monday, May 21, 2012 – Cancer Librarians Section Business Meeting
4:30 PM to 6:00 PM, Room 206 – Washington State Convention Center

SECTION CO-SPONSORED PROGRAMS:

May, 2012 – From the Bench to the Field: Translational Research (general topic session) – National Program Committee
4:30 PM to 6:00 PM, Room – Washington State Convention Center
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Playing on a Clinical and Translational Sciences Awards (CTSA) Team: Whitey Herzog’s Rules

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Using Genetic Literacy to Facilitate the Dialogue of Pharmacogenetic Concepts to Patients

Meeting the Unique Information Needs of Clinical and Translational Researchers: Assessment, Preparation, and Intervention

Utility Players: A Library’s Research Services Easily Integrate into Translational Science Programs and Committees

Monday, May 21, 2012 – Smells Like Team Spirit: Partnerships to Move Your Library Forward – Leadership and Management Section
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, Room 619/620 – Washington State Convention Center
Co-sponsors: Corporate Information Services Section, Institutional Animal Care and Use SIG, Veterinary Medical Libraries Section, Cancer Librarians Section.

Mentoring for Collaboration: More than Just Knowledge Skills

Collaborations and Partnerships: We Accomplish Much More When We Work Together

Essential Skills for Biomedical Librarians Engaging in Cross-Disciplinary, Multi-Institutional Team Projects: Experiences from the VIVO Collaboration

Moving Forward Together: Two Game-Changing Collaborations

Dealing with Data: Partnering to Support E-Science and Data Management on Campus
Spotlight On The Vassar Brothers Medical Center

The Model of Empowerment

The Medical Library at Vassar Brothers Medical Center (VBMC), Poughkeepsie, NY, has been managed for the past twenty years by Mary Jo Russell, MLS, AHIP, and recipient of MLA’s Hospital Library Section Leadership Award in 2012. VBMC is home to the Dyson Center for Cancer Care, a Comprehensive Community Cancer Program in New York’s Mid-Hudson Valley. After a long campaign, Mary Jo was able to add a second professional librarian position at the end of 2011. It was filled by Janet Waters, RN, BSN, MLS, and Secretary of the Cancer Librarians Section. Janet recently co-authored a systematic review published in the Lancet about MRI breast cancer screening.

At VBMC, policy and protocol decisions are made at monthly ‘cluster’ meetings of the various hospital services: oncology, cardiology, women & children, surgery, and medicine. Hospital surveyors have been favorably impressed with this model of empowerment. The oncology cluster has broad participation by oncologists, nurses, administrators, pharmacists, therapists, case managers, chaplaincy, psychiatry, researchers, clinical trial coordinators, and, of course, the medical library.

Mobile technology has made it easier for the librarians to ‘push’ information related to the issues discussed at cluster meetings. During or immediately after a meeting, librarians will locate pertinent information and/or articles related to the topic and e-mail it directly to those involved in the discussion. By proactively providing information, the librarians have seen an increase in the number of requests for new and follow-up literature searches. It has also brought their services to the attention of those who were either unaware of or had forgotten the value of their medical library. When especially thorny problems are assigned to subcommittees for study, librarian participation is often requested by cluster chairs. They know that solutions will require supporting evidence from the literature, and the library has proven its expertise.

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VENDOR SPONSORED PANEL

One Great Collection, Two Simple Steps
Janet Crum will be participating in a panel at MLA presented by EBSCO called One Great Collection, Two Simple Steps, which will focus on gathering and analyzing usage data for electronic collections. EBSCO will be emphasizing their Usage Consolidation product, but Janet will be talking about how the librarians at City of Hope use usage data to make collection decisions, as well as how the librarians communicate these decisions—and the data behind them—with their users.

CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

May, 2012 – From the Bench to the Field: Translational Research (general topic session)
4:30 PM to 6:00 PM, Room – Washington State Convention Center

Meeting the Unique Information Needs of Clinical and Translational Researchers: Assessment, Preparation, and Intervention
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May 20, 2012 – Stepping Up to the Plate with New Concepts of Data: Resource Description and Access, Semantic Web, Linked Data
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM, Room 602/603 – Washington State Convention Center

Research Data Needs Assessment and Program Planning
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May 20, 2012 – Time for a Game Change: Growing Opportunities to Reinvent Our Roles
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM, Room 615/616 – Washington State Convention Center

Hitting a Grand Slam: The State of the Art in Library-Based Bioinformatics Support
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May 21, 2012 – Becoming a Better Teacher: How to Coordinate, Execute, and Assess Instruction
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Room 608/609 – Washington State Convention Center

Hitting a Home Run: Collaborative Curriculum Design
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Assessing the FACTTS: An Evidence-Based Medicine and Critical Appraisal Course for Medical Students
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May 21, 2012 – Smells Like Team Spirit: Partnerships to Move Your Library Forward
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM, Room 619/620 – Washington State Convention Center

Collaborations and Partnerships: We Accomplish Much More When We Work Together
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Essential Skills for Biomedical Librarians Engaging in Cross-Disciplinary, Multi-Institutional Team Projects: Experiences from the VIVO Collaboration
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May 21, 2012 – Instant Replay: How Technology Is Changing Our Game
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM, Room 615/616 – Washington State Convention Center

Biomedical Librarians as Information Nodes in Community Research Networks
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May 22, 2012 - Where Have You Gone, Joe DiMaggio? Turning Losses into Opportunities
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM, Room 606/607 – Washington State Convention Center

Around the Horn: How the University of Florida Successfully Fielded a Team that Integrates Health Sciences and University Libraries
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POSTERS

May 20, 2012 – Poster Session 1
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM, Hall of Exhibits – Washington State Convention Center

Poster Board Number: 50
**Title:** Collaboration, Collegiality, Cooperation: Consumer Health Library Services and the American Cancer Society Navigator Role

**Authors:** Carol Ann Attwood, AHIP, Medical Librarian/Registered Nurse, Mayo Clinic in Arizona, Scottsdale, AZ; Kay E. Wellik, AHIP, Director, Libraries, Mayo Clinic in Arizona, Scottsdale, AZ

Poster Board Number: 119
**Title:** LibGuides: Developing Custom Research Solutions for Our User Community

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May 21, 2012 – Poster Session 2
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM, Hall of Exhibits – Washington State Convention Center

Poster Board Number: 165
Title: Teaming up with Girl Scouts for Nutrition: Making Reliable Electronic Health Information Accessible to the Girl Scouts of Louisiana-Pines to the Gulf
Authors: Kimberly A. Pullen, Head, Liaison Section Program, Medical Library, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Shreveport, LA; Betty Tucker, Head, Collection Management, Medical Library, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Shreveport, LA

May 22, 2012 – Poster Session 3
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM, Hall of Exhibits – Washington State Convention Center

Poster Board Number: 9
Title: Scholarly Communications Services in an Independent Academic Biomedical Research Center
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REVIEWERS NEEDED FOR MLA 2013 PROGRAM

For the 2013 MLA Annual Meeting the Cancer Librarians Section is sponsoring the program The Cancer Spectrum: Living, Surviving, and End of Life Issues. This will have contributed papers and invited speakers. This session will explore the many facets of the cancer lifespan from diagnosis, to treatment, to survival, and then to end-of-life issues. We will address not just the cancer patient but the family as well because cancer is a disease that touches all. Cancer is not just a disease; we will attempt to humanize this diagnosis in order to help others understand the process. Two reviewers are needed for the submitted contributed papers, which were due May 1, 2012. To volunteer to be a reviewer, please contact Margaret Vugrin.
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Laura Brown, Clinical Librarian at City of Hope, and Janet Crum, Director, Library Services, City of Hope, presented a virtual poster at the recent Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona (MLGSCA) 2012 Symposium, “Information Treasure Hunt: Supporting Evidence-Based Practice @ Your Institution” on March 2, 2012. They were one of eight virtual posters presented. Theirs was Virtual Poster 7: Nourishing the Garden for evidence based health care: initial steps in establishing a clinical librarian program at a comprehensive cancer center. In March 2011 Stephanie Fulton accepted the position of Executive Director of the Research Medical Library at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.


Congratulations to Julia M. Esparza, Clinical Medical Librarian, who is receiving two awards from the Hospital Libraries Section of the Medical Library Association (MLA). She is being honored with the Professional Recognition Award for Technological Innovation, as well as a 2012 Travel Grant to help defray costs of attending the MLA annual meeting in Seattle in May.

The Mobile Instructor for Nurse Education (MINE) study conducted by Library Faculty in collaboration with the Department of Nursing Administration at LSU Health Shreveport was recently published in the Journal of Hospital Librarianship. The full citation is: Cyrus, John, Duggar, David C., Esparza, Julia, Adams, Mararia, Dobbins, Montie’, Pullen, Kimberly. Journal of Hospital Librarianship 2012 12(2):142-153. Connecting with Hospital Nurses Through MINE. http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/15323269.2012.665783

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