What is a medical librarian?

A professional that accesses health information resources that range from traditional print to electronic databases and delivers this information for the use of patient care, research, and publication.²

Why are they important?

Medical librarians have a direct impact on healthcare by:
1. Connecting licensed electronic resources and decision tools into a patient’s electronic medical record.
2. Answering a call from an emergency room for urgent information.
3. Finding health information in a patient’s native language.²

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Challenges in the industry

Thousands of new biomedical articles are published every year that physicians need to be able to access easily and quickly.¹

Some of the most challenging reference questions a librarian will ever answer come from worried patients and their families.²

Career versatility

A medical librarian has to be both analytical and empathetic to provide medical information to whomever is in need.

Skills every medical librarian needs

- **Empathy**: Sometimes the best thing a medical librarian can offer is a sympathetic ear.
- **Organization Skills**: Medical librarians have many journals and databases to keep track of, organization is a must!
- **Curiosity**: A medical librarian has to spend time researching on all kinds of topics about the human body.

Sources: