



**UHL Clinical
Librarian Service**

"bringing you the evidence"

Getting involved in guidelines

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In this talk I will...

- Give a background to my role
- Tell you how I get involved in guidelines in UHL
- Discuss how I support guideline production
- Suggest useful contacts
- Consider further issues around use of guidelines





Background

- Temporary Clinical Librarian post from 2008-2009
- New focus on role with corporate emphasis
- New post created 2009 – Clinical Librarian – Standards and Guidelines





Shift to supporting corporate needs

- New way of working
- Dealing with non-traditional library users
- Supporting the development and dissemination of local guidelines
- Identification of national guidelines and innovations
- Assisting the conduct of clinical audit
- Ensuring the dissemination of externally and internally generated guidelines, evidence, research, information, and data





Policy & Guideline Committee

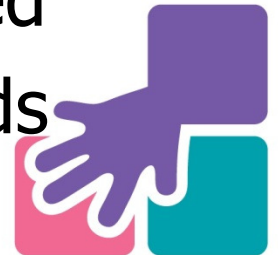
- Meets once a month
- Assigned a policy or guideline to review in depth
- Gives advice on key words, titling, referencing etc.
- Useful to have a non-clinical representative present
- Raises profile of the library





Involvement in guidelines

- Finding Vs developing
- Finding:
 - New national and international
 - Is our practice in line?
 - Supporting business cases
 - Ensuring our clinical strategies are evidence based
 - Background for audits – standards needed
 - Horizon scanning - anticipating user needs





Finding guidelines

- Where to search:
 - Check for national guidelines
 - NICE
 - SIGN
 - NHS Evidence – use the guidelines filter
 - DynaMed – useful for key updates in clinical areas
 - Royal Marsden Manual
 - Royal Colleges/Associations
 - HDAS



NICE



SIGN
Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network



DynaMed™
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Supporting guideline production

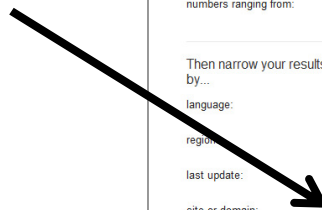
- Advice to authors on process
- Evidence search
 - High level e.g. systematic reviews
 - National guidelines
 - Any other NHS trusts with relevant published guidelines
 - Advanced Google searching – add **site:nhs.uk** in the Google search box after your terms to search NHS websites only
 - Or go into the advanced search page for more options
 - LIS Medical





Advanced Google

Add **nhs** in the 'site or domain' box for more focussed searching



Advanced Search

Find pages with...

all these words:

this exact word or phrase:

any of these words:

none of these words:

numbers ranging from: to

To do this in the search box.

Type the important words: tri-colour rat terrier

Put exact words in quotes: "rat terrier"

Type OR between all the words you want: miniature OR standard

Put a minus sign just before words that you don't want: -rodent, -"Jack Russell"

Put two full stops between the numbers and add a unit of measurement: 10..35 kg, £300..£500, 2010..2011

Then narrow your results by...

language: Find pages in the language that you select.

region: Find pages published in a particular region.

last update: Find pages updated within the time that you specify.

site or domain: Search one site (like wikipedia.org) or limit your results to a domain like .edu, .org or .gov

terms appearing: Search for terms in the whole page, page title or web address, or links to the page you're looking for.

SafeSearch: Tell SafeSearch whether to filter sexually explicit content.

file type: Find pages in the format that you prefer.

usage rights: Find pages that you are free to use yourself.

Advanced Search





Who to target

- Clinical guideline groups
- Corporate policy groups
- Education leads
- Audit team





Other considerations

- Is a guideline a MUST DO?
- How reliable are guidelines?
 - Critical appraisal
 - AGREE II Instrument - <http://www.agreetrust.org/resource-centre/the-original-agree-instrument/>





Useful article

- **Lenzer, J., Hoffman, J.R., Furberg, C.D., Ioannidis, J.P.A. Ensuring the integrity of clinical practice guidelines: a tool for protecting patients. *BMJ*. 2013;347.**

<http://www.ndph.ox.ac.uk/about/clinical-practice-guidelines-54.pdf>

Box 1: Red flags that should raise substantial skepticism among guideline readers (and medical journals)

- Sponsor(s) is a professional society that receives substantial industry funding;
- Sponsor is a proprietary company, or is undeclared or hidden
- Committee chair(s) have any financial conflict*
- Multiple panel members have any financial conflict*
- Any suggestion of committee stacking that would pre-ordain a recommendation regarding a controversial topic
- No or limited involvement of an expert in methodology in the evaluation of evidence
- No external review
- No inclusion of non-physician experts/patient representative/community stakeholders

*Includes a panelist with either or both a financial relationship with a proprietary healthcare company and/or whose clinical practice/specialty depends on tests or interventions covered by the guideline





Questions

