

Answering Clinical Questions Student Assignment Sheet

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Name _____ Block number

Date of Clinical Question _____ Setting: (check) Office Hospital Other _____

Name of the clinician asking the question _____ Resident Faculty Other _____

Briefly describe the clinical scenario leading to the clinical question:

Population (patient characteristics): _____

Intervention (or exposure): _____

Comparison: _____

Outcomes: _____

Specific clinical question:

List the resources you used to search for an answer, and the time spent searching each resource (to the nearest whole minute), until you found a satisfactory answer.

Time you started searching: _____

First source searched: _____ (e.g. DynaMed, MEDLINE, Google)

Time to answer or decision to try different source (if needed): _____

Second source searched: _____

Time to answer or decision to try different source (if needed): _____

Third source searched: _____

Time to answer or decision to try different source (if needed): _____

Fourth source searched: _____

Time to answer: _____

Total time to find "answer" (including time to read, interpret, decide): _____

sites used to find answer: _____

Your Answer:

Based on what type of evidence? (check the highest level that applies)

- information based on systematic comprehensive search for the best available evidence
- information based on scientific studies but unclear if the best studies are cited
- information based on case reports or case series
- information based on consensus of representative experts
- information based on opinions of one or a few authors
- unclear what information is based on

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Did you find an answer that you believe adequately answers the question? (check) Yes No

How was your answer applied to patient care?

What resources and techniques did you find useful for answering this question?

What did you learn about clinical medicine?

What did you learn about searching for answers to clinical questions?

For preceptor use.

To be completed by the clinician who had the question.

Was an answer found to this question? (check) Yes No

Did the student's search change patient care? (check) Yes No

Was this exercise useful for you? (check) Yes No

Comments?

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