

Finding health care information on the Internet – course outline

Please read this carefully before booking or coming to the course to make sure that it is the most appropriate course for your experience and need. If you have any questions please contact Mary Last on ext 1545 or email mary.last@ipswichhospital.nhs.uk

Course aims

To provide an introduction to searching a range of reliable sources of health information.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the session you will be able to:

- Identify key sources of health information
- Use a range of search techniques to locate reliable healthcare information
- Explain the attributes of a good quality website

Course contents

- An overview of the range of electronic resources available to all Trust staff
- Understanding information need
- How get the best out of search engines, e.g. Google™
- Information quality – how to evaluate a web site
- Core search techniques – Boolean logic, truncation and phrase searching
- Searching gateways to quality health care information, including Intute and NHS Evidence
- *Other key resources dependent on the course participants

The course is designed to be both practical and interactive. There will be opportunity to practice set exercises and to look for information that interests you and to ask questions.

Course duration

2 ½ - 3 hours

Pre-course requirements

- ✓ Competent keyboard and mouse skills
- ✓ Some experience of using the Internet:
 - Ability to key in a web address
 - An understanding of navigating around the web
 - Experience of using a search engine, e.g. Google

*If staff from a particular discipline or professional group want to come to this course together, or to incorporate it into an ongoing training programme, the content and resources covered can be tailored to that staff group.