

NHS Evidence – kidney diseases and male urogenital disorders: Collaborations

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Specialist Collections

The NHS Evidence specialist collections are online portals to the best available evidence in 34 specialist healthcare fields. Each specialist collection is managed by a team consisting of at least one information specialist and one clinical lead or similar expert, and an external reference group or a group of stakeholders.

The kidney diseases and male urogenital disorders specialist collection is managed by a team from Bodleian Health Care Libraries. Since November 2008 this team have consisted of two information specialists, a project manager, and two clinical leads, all of whom work for the project on a part time basis.

Collaboration

Collaboration is vital to the project, both internally within the team, and externally with stakeholders and other NHS Evidence teams, to help us meet the objectives set out in our Service Level Agreement. The very nature of the project means that working online with a number of different professionals, such as other information specialists and clinical leads, relies on effective communication and good working relationships.

The diagram illustrates collaboration internally and with external stakeholders:



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1: Urinary Incontinence AEU

From October 2008, we collaborated with the Women's Health specialist collection team in the creation of the 2009 Annual Evidence Update on Urinary Incontinence. This was launched on 19th January on both websites and was promoted in tandem. The collaboration intended to combine the evidence on the male and female urinary incontinence between collections and user groups. Our team have greatly benefited from external collaboration and are keen to encourage joint efforts of information specialists to broaden our remit and reach more healthcare professionals:



<http://tinyurl.com/33yve9r>

2: Cross-promotion

As both the renal and male urogenital content overlaps with that provided by and maintained by other specialist collections, it makes sense to promote those portals at relevant conferences as well as our own website.

As the kidney diseases content overlaps with that of the diabetes specialist collection (e.g. systematic reviews on diabetic nephropathy), we promoted both websites at the recent British Renal Society conference in Manchester. At the British Association of Urological Surgeons' conference in Manchester in June, we are promoting our male urogenital content as well as that of the following specialist collections: infections; women's health; cancer; and surgery, anaesthesia, perioperative and critical care.

Cross-promotion - using leaflets and live demonstrations - reinforces both the specialist nature of our collections and the overall aim to improve access to evidence-based healthcare information.