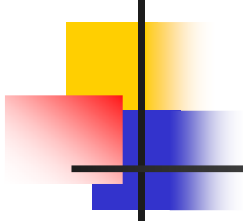




# Your Medical Library Services

Your SHRTN Librarian





# What is SHRTN?



- **The Seniors Health Research Transfer Network**
- “the place to go” in Ontario for the latest knowledge and best practices related to seniors health and seniors health care
- partially funded by the province of Ontario



# SHRTN library services

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- it was recognized that the changing needs of seniors are evolving as people live longer, some with serious and complex conditions
- these needs may not be adequately met in the current long term care environment



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- gaps in services were identified in Waterloo and Wellington in the LTC community
- one of the gaps identified was in access to information
- this resulted in a SHRTN library service being created for caregivers who need to access library resources focused on seniors' health



# Seniors Health Research Transfer Network (SHRTN) and SJHC



- being a leader in the community, St. Joseph's Health Centre, Guelph (SJHC) graciously hosts the SHRTN library service in WW
- At present we have three year funding



## And now ...

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- There are 5 SHRTN libraries
  - Toronto
  - Ottawa
  - Hamilton
  - Kingston
  - Guelph (Waterloo and Wellington)



# How does this help you?

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- Your SHRTN librarian is professionally trained and provides library services for caregivers working with seniors in long term care and the community at large



# SJHC Library Mission

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- The mission of the library at SJHC is to provide access to information to all staff in support of evidence based practice, education and research and to promote awareness of new developments in the health care field.







# Our SHRTN library mission

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- our SHRTN library mission reflects the same goals with the addition of a caveat that I am here to serve those who do not have access to information through a formal institution
- most of us who work in the seniors health care community do not



# What is access to information

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- you must be comfortable knowing where and how to look for current, reliable, accurate information that meets your needs
- this includes finding information in plain language particularly when English is a second language
- either doing your own literature searches or knowing how to access the librarian to help or perform the search



# I do house calls

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I am happy to come and meet  
with you and your staff



# How to find stuff ...

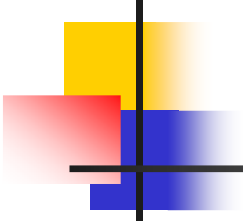


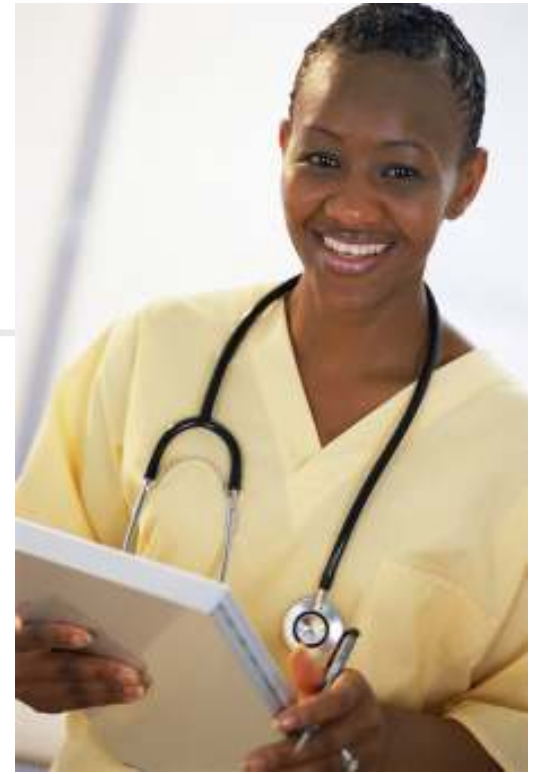
- I will meet with you to discuss your information needs and those of your staff
- I am available to teach you how to find information easily and quickly at your desk
- I can retrieve articles for you that may be unavailable to you, and at no cost

# Troubleshooting

- Panic not!
- When you are looking for information and don't remember what to do next, or you are not finding what you need, call me, we will easily walk you through the trouble spot



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- Because most of you probably find you have little time in your day to do a thorough job of looking for the information you need, I can help by doing the literature searches for you





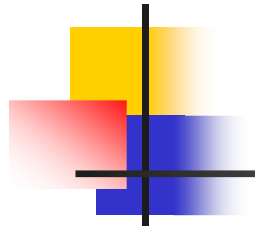
essential sites to “find stuff”

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“the place to go”

[www.shrtn.on.ca](http://www.shrtn.on.ca)





# MedlinePlus

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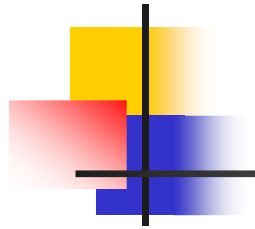
For plain language articles for residents, families and staff go to

[www.medlineplus.gov](http://www.medlineplus.gov)

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# PubMed

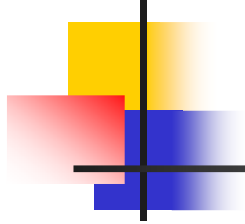
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Peer reviewed, research articles

<http://pubmed.gov>



A service of the National Library of Medicine  
and the National Institutes of Health



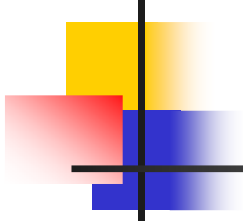
# Google Scholar

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An easy way to look things  
up quickly

[www.google.com/scholar](http://www.google.com/scholar)





# RNAO

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- [www.rnao.org](http://www.rnao.org)
- This is one of the best sites for clinical practice guidelines for nursing
- You can download these directly from this site, or order on site



# GAC Guidelines

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- The Guidelines Advisory Committee (GAC) is a partnership between OMA and MOH & LTC with representation from ICES
- [www.gacguidelines.ca](http://www.gacguidelines.ca)

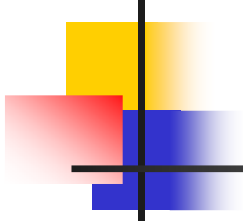


# The Merck Manual is free online

- For all the Merck Manuals go to

[www.merck.com/pubs](http://www.merck.com/pubs)





- **[www.sagelink.ca](http://www.sagelink.ca)**

- A new website (October 2009) created by Drs Ken Le Clair and John Puxty for health professionals on the topic of all the dementias
- Very comprehensive



and one more ...

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## **Knowledge Ontario**

- We have access to this collection of over 40 databases and ebooks from Gale/Thomson
- There is no charge to us because I am a member of the Ontario Hospital Libraries Association
- More information in your package



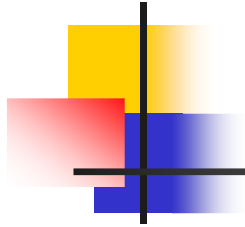


# And guess what!

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- All of these web sites are free of charge





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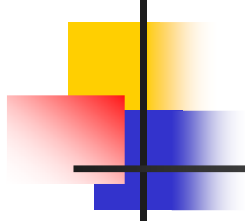
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- or you can email the page directly from your screen
- the good thing is I can get your articles for you, and fairly quickly too and no cost



# Urgent!

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- if you have urgent requests please make sure to indicate **“RUSH”** on your request



## Pdf Hint

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- if you find these letters “Pdf” which means “portable document file” on your screen, click on this and it will give you the whole article in full text



# Pdf or Html

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- the pdf version is the professional journal article in appearance, clean and clear
- Html is not a professional look , will not have pictures and diagrams and uses more paper



# Knowledge transfer

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- Once you have found the evidence what do you do with it?

**need identified for change**  
**know target audience**

↓  
literature searched

↓  
evidence found

↓  
knowledge translated into plain language

↓  
ownership and empowerment

↓  
culture change/ practice change

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**evaluation**



# Other library services

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## **Current awareness services include:**

- the librarian's Recommended Reading List
- tables of contents of selected journals upon request



## Other library services continued

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### **Connecting, linking people in the community**

- many groups are working on similar issues
- librarian links these groups to each other and provides information to them to help in their work processes

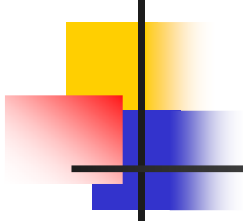




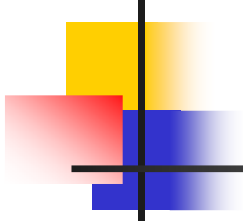
# Support for SHRTN Communities of Practice (CoP)

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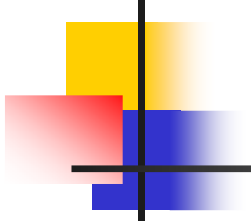
- In 2010 SHRTN has 14 CoPs
- An information specialist is assigned to each of these CoPs
  - One of my CoPs is Aging with Developmental Disabilities



- a knowledge broker is also assigned to each CoP
- CoPs have one or two leadership people
- their goals can all be quite different and they draw up a work plan each year to achieve specific goals
- these goals could be small projects, or as large as high level policy making



- If you would like to know more about these communities of practice go to
- [www.shrtn.on.ca](http://www.shrtn.on.ca)
- Click on “CoP”
- Click on “become a member”
- And you can choose many CoPs to join
- No cost



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- One more thing ...



# Canadian Copyright

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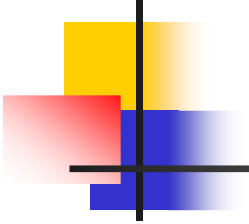
- The Copyright Act **does allow** for copying for the purpose of research and private study of the following:
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  - An entire newspaper article or page
  - An entire entry from an encyclopedia or other similar reference work



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- The Copyright Act **does not allow** for:
  - Copying of entire works
  - Making of multiple copies of a work without the permission of the copyright holder

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- Please remember to put your name and contact info in your phone, fax or email with requests to your librarian
  - Good luck!



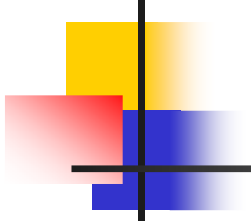


# SHRTN membership

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- This is also free and can give you access to the SHRTN newsletter and also to fireside chats which are becoming very popular across Ontario
- Go to [www.shrtn.on.ca](http://www.shrtn.on.ca) and click on
- “become a member”





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Thank you!



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