

Answering Clinical Questions Resident Assignment Sheet

Name _____

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

Briefly describe the clinical scenario leading to the clinical question:

Population (patient characteristics): _____

Intervention (or exposure): _____

Comparison: _____

Outcomes: _____

Specific clinical question:

List, in order, the resources (e.g., *DynaMed*, *MEDLINE*, Google) 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: _____

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

Second source searched: _____

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

Third source searched: _____

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

Fourth source searched: _____

Other: _____

Time that "answer" was found (including time to read, interpret, decide): _____

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?

How did you apply the answer 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 Faculty Use

Answered quickly enough

- Ideal met
- Needs improvement through education
- Needs improvement through resource refinement

Selected appropriate source

- Ideal met
- Needs improvement through education
- Needs improvement through resource refinement

Appropriate answer found

- Ideal met
- Needs improvement through education
- Needs improvement through resource refinement

Applied appropriately

- Ideal met
- Needs improvement through education
- Needs improvement through resource refinement

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Date _____

Note date and action steps taken if improvement needed:

If improvement needed through education:

Resident learned _____
for more efficient searching. Resident supported their own
education by _____

If improvement needed through resource refinement:

Resident used information technology to manage information
for improving on-line medical resources by recommending

to DynaMed Useful Links for patient care (myHQ)

Other _____