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## TIPS SHEET

### HOSPITAL LIBRARIES IN THE SENYLRC REGION

#### MEDICAL BOOK & JOURNAL COLLECTIONS IN PRINT

- All hospital libraries have core medical texts and journals, although the number varies.
- Most collections are “reference only” for use in the library .
- Photocopying is available onsite.

#### MEDICAL BOOK & JOURNAL COLLECTIONS IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT

##### **E-books that can be accessed in the library include core texts in:**

- nursing – patient care and clinical skills
- physical therapy & rehabilitation
- medications (pharmacology)
- emergency medicine & trauma
- surgery
- obstetrics
- pediatrics

##### **E-journal collections that can be accessed in the library include:**

Core clinical, medical and nursing titles in almost all specialties. Check with library for details about their collection as some libraries have many more virtual resources.

##### **The Cochrane Library**

A database with full text systematic reviews by The Cochrane Collaboration, an international organization that evaluates research in all aspects of health care. Systematic reviews draw evidence-based conclusions about medical practice after considering both the content and quality of existing trials on a topic. Updated quarterly.

#### MYTHS ABOUT HOSPITAL LIBRARIES

##### **Myth 1 : Students placed in an area hospital have full access to the library.**

While it is true that the library may be open during the day when most students are around, certain restrictions may apply. **Fact:** If you are an instructor, faculty mentor, or librarian working with students at area hospitals, call the specific hospital library to learn what resources and services are available to your students and when they can access the library.

##### **Myth 2 : Hospital libraries are open to the public.**

**Fact:** Hospital libraries are set up to meet the specialized information needs of clinical staff. However, Catskill Regional Medical Center also supports services for Sullivan County residents and a patient-consumer health collection. Other hospital libraries are open to the public by appointment. See Health Sciences Library Profiles for specifics.

##### **Myth 3 : All hospital libraries are the same.**

**Fact:** Every hospital library is quite different. Each library caters to the information needs of its staff and tailors its collections and services accordingly. Shared purchasing agreements provide access to electronic resources at all hospital libraries in the region, but local collections vary greatly. Services also will vary, so it is best to establish a rapport with a hospital librarian in your area. Hospital librarians are ready and willing to help.

Use the SENYLRC Health Sciences Hospital Library Profiles to contact the library directly.