

The Medical Paralibrarians met on Friday, July 7, 2006 and eight people were in attendance, including our guest speaker. Our guest speaker, Deb Weaver, Clinical and Instructional Librarian at The Children's Hospital, shared a fantastic presentation entitled, "Evidence-Based Medicine."

During the presentation, attendees learned that the broader term of Evidence-Based Practice should be used, instead of Evidence-Based Medicine. Attendees also learned about the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. Deb explained the PICO format and shared an example using PICO. Lastly, Deb encouraged us to be involved with our healthcare, as the medical profession cannot "possibly know and remember everything." Deb gave us a funny article from BMJ, v.319(7225): pg. 1618 from 1999, entitled, "Seven Alternatives to Evidence Based Medicine" by David Isaacs and Dominic Fitzgerald. The article is freely available at: <http://bmj.bmjournals.com/cgi/reprint/319/7225/1618>. Deb's PowerPoint is posted on the Paralibrarians SIG page under Past Meeting Briefs for July 7, 2006 on CCML's website.

Jim Honour will be hosting the next meeting at Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital in October. More details will be coming.

Respectfully submitted by,
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