

Colorado Council of Medical Librarians Administrator of the Year Award is given in recognition of exemplary support of a Colorado health science library and its staff during the last year. Award criteria include but are not limited to the following achievements:

- Record of promotion and support of medical libraries and librarians as essential components of quality health care and patient safety.
- Financial support of qualified library staffing, physical library facility, and quality knowledge based resources, both print and electronic.
- Encouragement of life long learning for health care professionals by supporting the utilization of available information resources.
- Inclusion of librarians on executive and managerial committees, work groups, and task forces that improve the quality of health care within the facility.
- Dedication to health information literacy, public access to information and expanded access to credible and authoritative information resources

This year the award is being presented to Barb Jahn, Vice President of Operations for Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital. The nomination states “Barb has shown in many ways that she understands and appreciates the value that librarians bring to the organization.”

For example, Barb has made sure that the librarians are included in leadership meetings, retreats, and strategic planning sessions. Barb keeps us informed about the strategic plans of the hospital so that we can select and disseminate useful information to others in the organization. Barb also wants us to use our skills in innovative ways to contribute to the organization’s knowledge management needs.

Barb understands that librarians have expertise in evidence-based health care concepts, and communicates that to other groups in the hospital. She has encouraged the librarians’ participation in Clinical Microsystems so that these groups can be supported with evidence-based literature. She has challenged the librarians to be more involved in activities designed to improve health care quality and patient safety.

Barb understands the importance of health literacy. She has made presentations on health literacy issues to hospital-wide groups and she encourages librarian involvement in health literacy activities.

Barb effectively communicates library resource requirements senior leadership. During recent budget reductions, Barb encouraged employee input and she helps employees feel engaged in the process of change.

Barb is very supportive of our continued professional development. She encourages us to participate in activities that will improve our knowledge of health care related issues. She also approves of our active involvement with professional associations.

On behalf of the Colorado Council of Medical Librarians, I am happy to present Barb Jahn with the Administrator of the Year Award.