



London Health Libraries Training Evaluation Form

Title event: Searching: Steps for Success

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Please comment on each aspect of the training as a whole, by ticking the appropriate box:

| | <i>Very Good</i> | <i>Good</i> | <i>OK</i> | <i>Mixed</i> | <i>Poor</i> |
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| RELEVANCE to the audience | 7 | 2 | | | |
| Clearly CONSTRUCTED | 3 | 5 | | | |
| VARIETY of teaching activities | 2 | 6 | 1 | | |
| CLARITY of the presentation | 4 | 5 | | | |
| Individual FEEDBACK to participants | 2 | 5 | 2 | | |
| Active INVOLVEMENT of participants | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | |
| Suitability of VENUE | 1 | 8 | | | |

Please list which particular aspects of the training which you found helpful:

- Four different presenters worked well as it made each topic distinct and fresh. The PICO model is a good structure to apply to questions so this was useful.
- Boolean logic
- PICO – explanation of this. Boolean logic, use of and, or and not.
- Explanation of PICO model. Examples used throughout to show how to use theory in practice.
- Formulating search questions. Learning about PICO. Learning about search terms.
- PICO model very useful
- Short clear demonstrations/presentations makes it easier to take in.
- I found all the presentation informative and useful. The PICO search model was easy to understand and will be very useful in the future.
- Breaking down searching into smaller subject topics made it easier for me to understand. PICO was very useful as it shows you how to break down a query into useful data for you to use in your searches

Please list which particular aspects of the training you think should be improved:

- The session on Boolean logic should have been earlier in the training perhaps, as it was the session that involved the most work? Perhaps the trainers could choose people to present their groups ideas as none of the participants seemed keen to speak up. Other than that, it was wonderful and interesting.
- Carrying specific examples from PICO table, to synonyms, to doing search using and, or, not.
- Some people had questions about database specific topics such as thesaurus functions, perhaps this could be included.
- Seeing the database on computer.
- Evidence Based Practice intro could have been elaborated on.
- I think the Boolean logic would be more understandable using the online facility i.e. one of the databases as without the concept was confusing.
- More practical activities i.e. actually searching online databases

What new skills have you learned which will be useful to you in practice?

What, if anything, will you take away from the training?

- I will take away a feeling of more confidence in approaching databases and finding answers to more complex enquiries. I feel slightly better equipped to explain Boolean logic to users although I still find it difficult.
- Thinking about synonyms, PICO, planning a search.
- PICO structure to identify key concepts and formulate questions.
- Evidence based practice, PICO method, looking at concepts, working out what is important in answering a search.
- The info on PICO models was extremely useful. Good overview of searching.
- Clarity of search techniques.
- I feel I have some very useful ore-searching skills which will be great to show to other colleagues and users of the library.
- It will enable me and give me more confidence in carrying out searches in the library.

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the training?

- Most enjoyable, the short time span of training made it more focused and it was easier to concentrate on each topic with interest. Thank you! 😊
- Maybe some hands on practice on databases using concepts taught.
- Excellent! Will recommend to others if done again.
- Friendly presenters and atmosphere.
- V good introduction. Clarified some relevant and important aspects of medical searches etc.
- A good brief, but very informative guide to basics of searching.
- Really enjoyed the four presentations.

Thank you for your feedback. Please hand in your completed form to any of the trainers, or post to:

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