

Parallel Sessions C  
C1 – Exploring the Clinical Librarian Model

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## **EBM - a Fairytale for Librarians?**

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Together with the dissemination and increasing use of concepts as evidence-based medicine (EBM), evidence-based practice (EBP), health technology assessment (HTA), and evidence-based health care (EBHC), words as systematic, structure, and documentation have got a whole new meaning for persons working within the health care sector, such as physicians, nurses, health care administrators and even politicians. This means that good old traditional librarian skills are now in demand within the health care sector.

But are the librarians willing to come out of the library and meet these new challenges, and can they live up to the expectations?

The role of the librarians and their influence on the development of these evidence-based concepts will be illustrated by discussing the following aspects:

- 1) interdisciplinary collaboration - benefits and challenges
- 2) do librarians have a image problem?
- 3) is it just 'learning by doing'?
- 4) do librarians make a difference?