

Inequity abounds - An analysis of health library support for Australian medical training programs

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Medical education accreditation

...an important means of ensuring a program of study and the education provider (e.g. Grampians Health) suitably equips trainees with the knowledge, skills and professional attributes necessary to practise in the profession...

Content analysis

The content analysis aimed to identify specific requirements in medical education for libraries and to explore how library support was described within accreditation standards.

Results

“Library”	Collection	Services	Space	“Journals”
83%	87%	42%	54%	75%

Recommendation

Recommended accreditation standard for library support for medical trainees:

- There is access to a curated **collection** of high-quality information via a health library with online access appropriately configured for [physician] training.
- The health library is staffed by **qualified librarians** with expertise in literature searching and research practices who provide training and individualised support to trainees undertaking research.
- The site shall provide access to a physical health library **space** with current and relevant resources, study space and computing facilities equipped with supportive software for research.

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Articles:

A content analysis of health library support for Australian medical training programs - <https://doi.org/10.1080/15323269.2024.2395759>

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