

# The Library & Information

## SERVICES DIVISION

The main functions of the LISD are to disseminate and provide information whenever, wherever and however this is needed. The activities of the Division are:

### 1. Literature searches

Retrospective literature searches are conducted for MRC staff, MRC-supported researchers, and all health information researchers, by qualified information specialists using various databases that are accessed online. The costs of these services vary according to the databases that are searched.

### 2. Selective dissemination of information (SDIs)

Arrangements can be made for SDIs, where search strategies are saved as user profiles and executed on a monthly basis.

### 3. Database search training

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) enters into bilateral agreements with public institutions in foreign countries to serve as International MEDLARS Centers. The MRC is one of these centres, and this Division in particular is responsible for assisting health professionals in accessing MEDLARS databases, offering search training in the use of online MEDLINE search tools such as PubMed and the NLM Gateway.

### 4. Repackaging of information

Information repackaging is a library and information service which customises information to meet specific needs of users. The purpose of an information repackaging service is to locate, retrieve, evaluate, interpret and repackage information on a particular subject to save the user time.

### 5. Library services

The MRC library makes use of WIZCAT (restricted access, MRC users only) which is a web-based knowledge and information management tool. The OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) allows searches to be carried out on the holdings catalogues of the MRC and tertiary institutions in the surrounding areas.

### 6. Document delivery services

LISD offers a comprehensive document provision service to MRC staff, MRC-supported staff and private individuals/organisations. Bibliographic material (books and journal articles) can be sourced locally and internationally at a cost.



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