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**Publicity:**

Marketing for these training sessions was handled by Dr Shari Thompson at Fitzgibbon Hospital. She talked about the training at the medical staff meeting and followed up with email reminders. The day of training she personally called all the physicians and reminded them I was there for training.

**Outreach Sessions:**

Fitzgibbon Hospital, Marshall, Missouri on:

November 12th - Four physicians and five nurses participated

November 13th - Two physicians and six nurses participated

I have been lucky at Fitzgibbon Hospital where we have a physician champion who has really managed to get all the physicians and nurses to attend training sessions at this site. The computer lab can accommodate four participants at one time. Training sessions were two hours in length and repeated throughout the two days.

**Other accomplishments:**

This report is brief with only a few activities. I adopted a little girl from Russia and took much of this quarter off using the Family Leave Act. The only exception was MEDLINE Training at Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshall which was scheduled prior to the adoption.

**Target audience:**

Our target audiences for these training sessions are health care providers working in rural and medically underserved areas. This is the group we planned to target in our proposal.

**Goals, Outcomes, Objectives:**

Scheduling is always one of the most difficult problems with training of health care practitioners. Most training sessions will be scheduled over the course of two adjoining

days. An example would be two hour sessions from 7:00-9:00am, 9:15 - 11:15am, 12:30 - 2:30pm, 2:45 - 4:45pm, 6:00pm - 8:00pm. This allows us flexibility in providing training and a way to deal with unexpected emergencies that arise in a busy health practitioners' day.

**Evaluation:**

Participants complete evaluation forms at the end of each training session. We are distributing a library resources and services evaluation to all health care providers involved in past training sessions.

**Impacts and Observations:**

It appears that many physicians have unrealistic expectations about how long it takes to search. I frequently receive comments such as: "I didn't know it would take so long", or "maybe I should have you do the searching since you can always find what I want."

I only want to use one search term and have a limited retrieval.

We receive reference and journal article requests from training participants. It is not unusual to get email from participants asking for assistance with complicated questions and we will often schedule a second session with interested parties to advanced searching techniques. I think it is the continued involvement over and over with the target groups that brings about the best results.

**Planned Activities:**

Upcoming Training Sessions:

Advanced Searching Techniques at Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshall

MEDLINEplus Training in Sedalia

MEDLINE/PubMed at Salem Memorial Hospital

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