

University of Rochester Medical Center
Edward G. Miner Library
Ask A Medical Librarian Program

The goal of Miner Library's *Ask A Medical Librarian* program is to partner with health care teams to deliver targeted, individualized information to our cancer patients - both inpatient and outpatient - from trusted resources such as books, journals, pamphlets and selected high quality Internet sites, through the use of an *Information Prescription*.

The *Ask A Medical Librarian* program is available to all Wilmot Cancer Center inpatients and outpatients.

How it works:

1. A health care provider (physician, fellow, resident, nurse, nurse practitioner, or social worker) writes an *Information Prescription* or IP, much like a physician writes a drug prescription. The provider may elect to review the material before it is delivered to the patient/family by checking the appropriate box on the IP.
2. The Information Prescription is available online at <https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/hslt/miner/InfoRx/>. The form may be submitted electronically or the provider can make a copy and fax it to the Miner Library using the fax number at the top of the form.
3. Using resources available in the Miner Library and/or high quality websites, the librarian will develop a customized information packet about the disease, medical condition, test, treatment, or drug that is tailored to the information needs of the patient/family. The librarian will deliver the information to inpatients/family or mail or email the packets of information to outpatients/family within 1-2 business days.
4. The librarian will follow-up with both the patient/family and the provider to obtain feedback on the program.

We hope that you will find the *Ask A Medical Librarian* program an excellent resource for high quality health information for your patients.

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Rosen at 275-6940 or Marilyn_Rosen@urmc.rochester.edu.