

One of the urgent needs faced by the medical profession is the need for a **Public Library on Health**. This will supplement the existing Medical College Libraries. This want has been keenly felt for a number of years. We do have many flourishing medical college libraries, excellent hospitals, and an active medical society. To this we need to add a Public Medical Library. This will definitely have a stimulating, uplifting and unifying influence. Again the value of a medical library as a factor in medical education can not be overestimated, as libraries do support and complement education.

ADINET has developed a Public Library on Health Sciences at the Sadvichar Parivar. The main **Vision** is to impart health education to all sections of society, medical, para- medical, alternative medicine health professional & students.

Medical Librarians are an integral part of the health care team. They do have a direct impact on the quality of patient health care, by helping physicians, allied health professionals, students and researchers to stay abreast of new developments in their

speciality areas. They provide access to resources which contain quality information, in a variety of formats ranging from traditional print to electronic resources.

Medical Librarians need to become very familiar with PubMed. It is the U.S. National Library of Medicine's, freely available interface to the MEDLINE database, which is an extremely comprehensive index to the world's biomedical journal literature. Because it's free and universal, we need to develop a good PubMed search strategy using keywords, controlled vocabulary (Medical Subject Headings or MeSH), and limits. Plenty of online tutorials are available to help you get started.

There are over one hundred medical and para-medical colleges in Gujarat. Together they have a rich collection of the world's best medical literature in the form of books, print journals and also electronic resources. We need to form an Association of Medical Librarians and also a Network of Medical Colleges and Institutions in Gujarat, so that effective resource sharing can be done whereby Quality Information for Improved Health can be provided.

This is the dream child of Senior Oncologist Dr. Pankaj Shah. Both he and Shri P.K.Lahiri at the Sadvichar Parivar have been extending full support to ADINET.

Registration Form

Registration is free by Invitation but mandatory

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Please send the duly filled in registration forms by e-mail to: **alibnet@gmail.com**

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17th June, 2016