Are the charts in the carts or the records in the trolley?
USA versus UK Clinical Librarianship

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USA versus UK Clinical Librarians roles
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- To establish a blue print for the CL role
- Can this role be replicated in another country?
- Is the CL role the same or different in the USA and the UK?
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- 94% USA CLs Post Graduate qualification in Librarianship
- 6/34 Clinical background
- 68% UK CLs Post Graduate qualification in Librarianship
- 1/26 Clinical background
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- Essential to understand the clinical environment.
  
  “taking a short course to understand the healthcare professionals and the healthcare environment and the likely/potential needs.”

- “Not necessarily essential for a formal training in health/medicine, but a good dose of experience makes for easier understanding of clinicians and their information needs.”
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- 16/26 UK CLs working in Hospital setting
- 32/35 USA CLs working in Hospital setting
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Podcasts of UK CLs talking about their role

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UK Key activities:

- Develop a good rapport with colleagues;
- Use technologies effectively;
- Communicate effectively in all mediums.
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USA Key Activities

- Performing information searches;
- Promoting /marketing the CL service;
- Providing search skills training.
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USA Key Skills

- Development of retrieval strategies;
- Undertake precise medical information searches;
- Develop a good rapport with colleagues.
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UK Key skills

- Performing information searches;
- Promoting /marketing the CL service;
- Attending case conferences/clinical meetings
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- Shared perception of role across USA/UK divide
- Identify and use PIs to measure success and impact
- Continued professional development
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- Development of an international core skills and activities for CLs?
- Direct payment by results?
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Where shall we put the bar?
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Thanks for your attention

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