Positioning Library Services for 21st Century Medicine

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Medical Education

- Problem Based Learning and the Active Learning model
- Growing emphasis on E-Learning
Medical Education at UWS

• The first cohort of students commenced their studies in February 2007
• Five-year undergraduate course, catering predominantly for school leavers.
• Years 1 and 2 Centred on Problem Based Learning (PBL) with Web based content
• Years 3-5, Clinical Rotations. Scientific streams are taught via online learning and “Conference Weeks”
The UWS Library

- 7 Campus Libraries.
- A fully integrated collection. The medical library is a part of the Campbelltown Campus Library
- Longstanding policy of electronic over hardcopy
Information Literacy and Blended Learning (year 1 students)

- Compulsory online tutorial
- Medical Databases overview
- Semester 2: Evidence Based Practice
The developing partnership between the academic community and library staff

- By late 2006 the UWS library had an extensive electronic collection covering all discipline areas
- Vendor statistics indicated a generally low usage of electronic resources by academics
- Academic awareness raising sessions
Reading Lists and Online Resources

• vUWS and librarian/academic partnership
Information Services to remote library users

• Information Central
  – a service for all users, regardless of their home campus or physical location.
  – Housed in a central location at Penrith campus library.

• vUWS Discussion area
A new Medical School, Blended Learning and the Library

• Blended Learning – the right combination of online and face to face
• Medical School and library, working together
• The Library has been and continues to be well placed to provide services and resources that complement this style of learning