Using VCU Libraries While on Rotations

Tip 1: Bookmark the Tompkins-McCaw Library Web Site: http://www.library.vcu.edu/ml
(Alternative to step 1: if you must Google, type vcu ml)

Databases you will find useful this year:

Electronic Textbooks
AccessMedicine
AccessPharmacy
AccessPediatrics
ClinicalKey
R2 Digital Library
StataRef

Articles
ClinicalKey
The Medical Letter
PubMed

Reference Management

Use RefWorks, Mendeley, or EndNote to capture all the references you use on your rotations.

If you decide to write a manuscript for publication, you will find that working with either of these tools will save you time with inline citations and bibliographies.
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**Tip 2:** Use our point of care tools. VCU Libraries provides many tools to help you retrieve information quickly from your iPhone, iPad, Android or other mobile device. Find high quality evidence and answers to your clinical questions in resources like ClinicalKey, PubMed Clinical Queries, the Cochrane Library and the Trip Database.

**Tip 3:** Remember your eID and password so that you can connect remotely to most of our electronic resources *Need help with your VCU eID and password?* Contact VCU Technology Services at (804) 828-2227 or helpIT@vcu.edu or www.ts.vcu.edu/askit/email/eid/

**Tip 4:** Update your mailing address for EACH ROTATION (www.library.vcu.edu/illiad/) so we know where to send your interlibrary loan requests
  - Request, retrieval and delivery of books not owned by VCU Libraries or books from the VCU Libraries collections
  - Retrieval, digitization, and e-delivery of articles, book chapters, etc. from the VCU Libraries collections.

**Tip 5:** Use Google Scholar from any computer on campus and connect to VCU resources through the GetIt@VCU link. Set up your Google Scholar preferences to import citations from Google Scholar directly using RefWorks.

**Tip 6:** Contact the library if you need help with a search for your rotation or for an upcoming residency interview. We can connect via Google Hangouts or Skype if you are out of the Richmond area, so don’t let distance be a factor in getting help with library-related questions.

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