Research is defined as the creation of new knowledge and/or the use of existing knowledge in a new and creative way to generate new concepts, methodologies, and understandings. This could include synthesis and analysis of previous research to the extent that it leads to new and creative outcomes.

Priyanka Dilhani Wins Senate Awards for Research Excellence 2018/2019

Mrs. Priyanka Dilhani, Senior Assistant Librarian, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo received the Senate Award for the Research Excellence in 2018 and 2019 at the Annual Research Award Ceremony held on 21st of January 2021 at the University of Colombo.
The Library of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine of University of Colombo organized following Webinars for the PGIM trainers and trainees. The resource persons of the webinar was Mr. Durga Ranganath M. / Customer Engagement Manager, ELSEVIER | Health Sciences, India. Mrs. M.P.P Dilhani, Senior Assistant Librarian, PGIM and Mrs. Chandima Wadasinghe, Senior Assistant Librarian, PGIM, coordinated the events.

- Webinar on “How to find latest clinical evidence” on ClinicalKey and “How to simplify reference management using Mendeley”, 23rd April 2020, 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm
- Webinar on “Clinical Key & Managing References”, 3rd July 2020, 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm
- Webinar on “Adopting implementable strategies during lockdown” 27th May 2020, 4.00 pm to 5.00pm
- Webinar on “How to find latest clinical evidence” on ClinicalKey and “How to simplify reference management using Mendeley” - Surgery & Anesthesia, 23rd November 2020, 3:00 pm to 4.00pm
- Webinar on “How to find latest clinical evidence” on ClinicalKey and “How to simplify reference management using Mendeley” - Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Community Medicine and Community Dentistry, 12th December 2020, 2.30 pm to 3.30pm
- Webinar on “How to find latest clinical evidence” on ClinicalKey and “How to simplify reference management using Mendeley”, 10th March 2021, 10.00 am to 11.00 am
- Webinar on “How to use ClinicalKey, Mendeley and Introduction to Scopus, 29th April 2021, 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm

ClinicalKey is a clinical search engine that helps doctors and other health professionals to make better decisions in clinical scenario. ClinicalKey is a source for trusted content covering every medical and surgical specialty and users of ClinicalKey are given full-text access. Remote access is a special feature which lets you access your ClinicalKey account from outside of the PGIM network.

Workshop on Conducting Systematic Reviews in Health Care: Methodology, Guidelines, Standards

The Library of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine of University of Colombo organized a workshop on Conducting Systematic Reviews in Health Care: Methodology, Guidelines, Standards for the PGIM trainers and trainees. The workshop was held on 30th March 2021 at the PGIM Academic Centre of Postgraduate Institute of Medicine. The resource person of the workshop was Mrs. Sriyani Perera, former Faculty Librarian of Medicine, University of Peradeniya Mrs. Dilhani Munasinghe, Senior Assistant Librarian, PGIM served as the resource person. Mrs. Chandima Wadasinghe, Senior Assistant Librarians of the PGIM, coordinated the event.
What is plagiarism?

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, the verb “to plagiarize” means:

“to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one’s own : use (another’s production) without crediting the source”

The term "steal" is included in this definition because it refers to cases in which someone else's ideas or words are purposely used without crediting the source. Because your work attempts to "pass off" another's work as your own, even accidentally borrowing another's ideas or phrases without proper citation falls under this criteria.

Why should you avoid plagiarism?

As a writer, you must avoid plagiarism at all costs because it jeopardizes your credibility. It could cost you significant professional references and potential job growth, in addition to losing the respect of your mentors and peers.

Four ways to avoid plagiarism

Quoting

Quoting means copying a piece of text word-for-word. The copied text must be introduced in your own words, enclosed in quotation marks, and correctly attributed to the original author. To quote correctly, be sure to:

➢ use quotation marks
➢ copy the exact words
➢ give reference details, including the page/paragraph number.

Paraphrasing

Paraphrasing means using your own words to explain something from a source. It allows you to give only the most important information from a passage. To paraphrase correctly, be sure to:

➢ keep the meaning
➢ change the word order
➢ change most of the words
➢ give reference details

Referencing

Every time you quote or paraphrase, you must include an in-text citation (or footnote citation) that identifies the original author. It often also includes the publication year and a page number. Each in-text citation must correspond to a full reference in the reference list or bibliography at the end of your paper. This details exactly where the information came from, allowing your readers to locate the source for themselves. There are many different citation styles, and each one has its own rules for citing. Some of the most common include APA, Vancouver, Harvard. The most important thing is to apply one style consistently throughout the text.

APA citation example

In-text citation

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Smith & Thomas, 2018, pp. 34–36

Reference list entry


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➢ make it clear which ideas are yours, and which are the author’s
➢ give the author's last name
➢ give the year of publication
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Use a plagiarism checker

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Some phrases or lines may remain with you so well while researching a topic that you mistakenly include them in your work without a citation. If you're unsure, an online plagiarism checker can help you spot these errors before you submit your paper.
This issue will be the 5th updated publication which will be available online for easy access. The PGIM, Colombo is the sole institution, which provides postgraduate training in all medical disciplines. One common feature of all these degree-awarding programs is the emphasis laid on research. Inclusion of a research project, culminating either in a dissertation, thesis or research publication is thus a ubiquitous feature of all these programs. Not all research conducted is published and hence this Bibliography will serve as a useful tool in the search for literature especially in relation to recent and locally conducted research.

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This compilation contains recommended learning resources for the PG trainees recommended by each Board of Study of the PGIM. It contains books, journals, and useful websites. It is hoped that this compilation functioning as an online catalogue to the PG Trainees will also serve as an extremely useful bibliographic tool to obtain an up-to-date account of developments in the practice of medicine.

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