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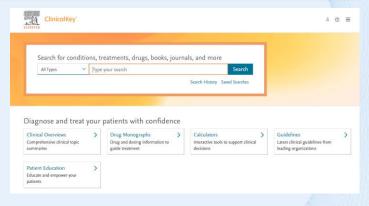
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# **ClinicalKey Database Subscription**

The subscription of ClinicalKey Database for the 3 consecutive years has been completed in May 2022, and the PGIM decided to purchase the ClinicalKey database for the next three consecutive years (2022-2025) since its medical resources and remote access facility were very useful for the academic requirements of PG trainees, trainers, and examiners. The PGIM annually conducts more than 119



postgraduate degree programmes and 139 postgraduate examinations in medicine, and there is a great need to provide access to medical journals and textbooks through the library of the PGIM. The PGIM purchased the ClinicalKey from M/S Elsevier at the rate of US \$ 233,449 for the 3 consecutive years from 2022 to 2025 subject to reviewing the performance annually.

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# Orientation Programme on PGIM Library Resources and Services for PGIM

Based on the decision made at the University of Colombo, Senate Meeting No. 463<sup>rd</sup> the concept note on 'Orientation Programme on PGIM Library Resources and Services' by the Library of the PGIM was approved and the Orientation programme on PGIM library resources and services is a mandatory programme for all postgraduate trainees who enter the PGIM training programmes, specialty for trainees who undertake

research as part of their training. A total number of 261 PG trainees participated the Orientation programme PGIM library resources and services in 2022 and an e-certificate was awarded to all participants. Serving as resources persons were Mrs. MPP Dilhani, Senior Assistant Librarian, PGIM and Mrs. Chandima Wadasinghe, Senior Assistant Librarian, PGIM.

Conducted programs as follows;

Date	No. of	Course/Specialties
Dute	Participants	course, specialties
17.01.2022	24	MSC - Human Nutrition
26.01.2022	18	MD - Medical
		Administration (9)
		MD -Pediatrics (6)
		MD - Anaesthisiology (1)
		MD - Family medicine (1)
		DHDP- Dental surgery (1)
23.02.2022	19	MD- Medical
_0	-/	Microbiology (4)
		MD- Pediatrics (11)
		MSc -Human Nutrition (1)
		MSc -Medical Education
		(2)
		MD - Anaesthisiology (1)
11.03.2022	07	Postgraduate Diploma in
	- ,	Geriatric Medicine (7)
30.03.2022	29	MD- Pediatrics (3)
0 0		MD -Dermatology (4)
		MD- Parasitology (1)
		MD -Sports, and Excise
		Medicine (10)
		MD- Medical
		Administration (5)
		MD -Medical Virology (1)
		MD -Medical
		Microbiology (3)
		MD- Family Medicine (1)
26.04.2022	09	MD- Sports, and Excise
		Medicine(2)
		MD -Pediatrics (2)
		PG certificate -Medical
		Education(1)
		MD -SEM (1)
		MD -Medical
		Microbiology (3)
		MSc -Medical Education
		(1)

25.05.2022	6	MD- Medical Microbiology (3) MD -Dermatology (3)		
27 .07. 2022	10	MD - Paediatrics –(5)		
2/.0/.2022	10	MD - Family medicine (1)		
		MD - Medical Virology (1)		
		MD - Medical Administration		
00 00 0000	1.4	(3) MSc - Medical Administration (3)		
28.09.2022	14	PG certificate -Medical		
		Education (2)		
		MD - Medical Administration (2)		
		MD - Paediatrics (1)		
		MD - Medical Microbiology (3)		
		MD -Medical Virology (1)		
		MD- Family Medicine (2)		
13 .10.2022	42	Postgraduate Diploma –		
		Family Medicine		
13.10.2022	12	Postgraduate Diploma –		
		Microbiology		
19.10.2022	18	Biomedical informatics		
26.10.2022	13	MD- Pediatrics (7)		
		MSc- Medical Administration(3)		
		MD -Anaesthisiology (1)		
		PG certificate - Medical Education		
		(1)		
		MD- Medical Microbiology (1)		
21.11.2022	23	MD -Radiology		
30.11.2022	17	MD – Microbiology (4)		
		Medical laboratory Technology		
		(2)		
		Medical Education(6)		
		MSc -Medical Administration(5)		

For more information please visit:

 $\frac{https://library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/orientation-programme-on-pgim-library-resources-and-services 2022/$ 

# **Managing References using Mendeley Reference Management Software**

Managing references using Mendeley Reference Management Software involves using the software to organise and manage bibliographic references and citations for research purposes. Mendeley is a reference management tool that enables researchers to store, organise, and manage their references in a single location. It can import references from various sources, including online databases, websites, and PDFs.

Once the references have been imported, Mendeley allows users to organise them into folders, tag them, and add notes or attachments. Mendeley can also generate citations and bibliographies in different citation styles and facilitate collaboration with others. Additionally, Mendeley can synchronise the reference library across multiple devices, ensuring that users have access to their references from anywhere.

Overall, managing references using Mendeley can simplify the process of organising and managing references, making it easier for researchers to conduct their research and generate bibliographies and citations.

#### Steps to Work with Managing References Using Mendeley Reference Management Software:

Create an account: Visit the Mendeley website and create an account. You can also download the Mendeley Desktop software and create an account from there.

Import references: You can import references from various sources, such as online databases, websites, and PDFs. Mendeley can automatically extract reference information from PDFs and populate your library.

Organise references: You can organise your references into folders, add tags, and create notes to make them easier to find and manage. You can also create groups and share references with others.

Add and edit references: You can manually add new references and edit existing ones if needed. You can also add notes to references and attach files such as PDFs or images.

Generate citations and bibliographies: Mendeley can generate citations and bibliographies in various citation styles, such as APA, MLA, and Harvard. You can easily switch between citation styles and generate formatted citations and bibliographies.

Collaborate with others: Mendeley allows you to collaborate with others by sharing your references and notes with them. You can also create groups and share references within the group.

Sync your library: Mendeley allows you to sync your library across multiple devices, ensuring that you have access to your references wherever you are.

Use the Mendeley Citation Plugin: The Mendeley Citation Plugin integrates with Microsoft Word or LibreOffice and allows you to insert citations and generate bibliographies directly from your Mendeley library.

Overall, Mendeley is a powerful tool for managing references, and it can save a lot of time and effort when it comes to organising the research. This is a highly useful tool for postgraduate doctors who need to manage and organise their references efficiently when submitting their report theses and dissertations for the final examination.

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#### Senate Awards for Research Excellence 2020 and 2021

Mrs. Chandima Wadasinghe, Senior Assistant Librarian, received the Senate Award for the Research Excellence in 2020 and 2021 at the Annual Research Symposium 2022 of the University of Colombo held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 at the Prof. V. K. Samaranayake Auditorium of the University of Colombo School of Computing.



#### Research Work

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Ms. W.M.N.M. Wanigasekara and Ms. A.H.T.H.R. Nikethani who are working as Library Information Assistant Grade III, of the Library/ PGIM, have been promoted to the post of Library Information Assistant Grade II, with effect from 01.04.2020.



#### Staff Development

Mrs. M.P.P Dilhani and Mrs.
Chandima Wadasinghe
participated on the
International Conference of
University Librarians
Association (ICULA) on 27<sup>th</sup>
October 2022, at the Hotel
Mirage, Colombo

Promotion to the post of Library Information Assistant Grade II





#### Workshop on Turnitin account facilities for PG trainees

A workshop was conducted to implement the Turnitin account facilities for PG trainees (MSc in Biomedical Informatics, Medical Education, Community Medicine, and Medical Administration) on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022, and participated with 43 (Physically: 22; Zoom: 21). Serving as resources persons were Dr. Pandula Siribaddana, Senior Lecturer, PGIM and Mrs. MPP Dilhani, Senior Assistant Librarian, PGIM.

# From Discovery to Delivery: Evaluating the Article Request Service provided by the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

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University libraries play a vital role in supporting higher education by providing services such as borrowing and lending materials and facilitating access to information. These libraries engage in local, regional, and global networks to fulfill their objectives of supporting academic and research goals, offering library services, and meeting user information-seeking behaviors.

With the emergence of the internet, libraries have undergone a transformation from traditional services to more dynamic ones. Now, library staff actively deliver services, leveraging the internet's vast resources. Medical librarians, known for their proactive nature, focus on providing specific information services like Current Awareness Services (CAS) and Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI) to healthcare professionals.

The internet has simplified CAS and SDI, enabling medical librarians to easily provide specialized information to individuals or groups who share common interests. A study conducted by Breeding in 2013 explored resource-sharing alternatives and emerging technology trends. It highlighted strategies such as interlibrary loans, consortia borrowing, document delivery, and shared collections, which allow libraries to provide access to a broader range of materials despite limited staff and budgets.

Access to up-to-date evidence in the healthcare field is crucial for medical education and quality patient care. Prompt service from libraries plays a significant role in ensuring timely access to the best available evidence. However, in resource-constrained settings like Sri Lanka, access to certain resources is limited due to subscription requirements. University libraries in such settings obtain a limited number of accounts to support education, teaching, and research.

The Postgraduate Institute of Medicine's (PGIM) library, affiliated with the University of Colombo (UoC), serves a large cohort of postgraduate trainees, educators, examiners, and researchers. It offers methodically organized printed and electronic resources, accessible online similar to other academic research libraries. In 2014, the PGIM library introduced the 'article request' service, aimed at supporting medical education and providing quick access to academic literature and evidence for postgraduate trainees. Users can request articles by filling out a Google form on the institutional website or via the general library email, with the library typically responding within 24 hours. To ensure optimal service delivery, it is crucial to evaluate library services and cater to user needs effectively. Therefore, this study seeks to evaluate the article request service from its inception in 2015 until 2023, with the aim of improving its services.

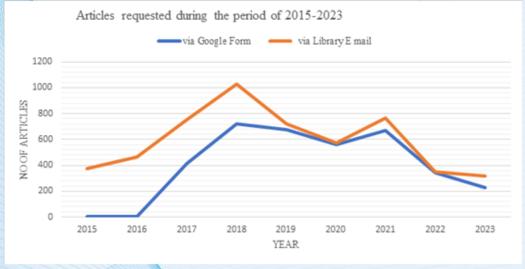


Figure 01- Articles requested from 2015 through 2023

Year	Articles not sent due to the unavailability and accessibility of the requested articles
2015	46
2016	48
2017	72
2018	73
2019	49
2020	37
2021	62
2022	88
2023	94

Figure 02 - Articles not sent from 2015 through 2023

Figures 01 & and 02 revealed the importance of postgraduate medical and dental professionals who require extensive access to medical databases for their continuous professional development, clinical decision-making, teaching, and learning. The PGIM library's article request service is designed to address these needs. This service ensures that medical professionals have quick and convenient access to literature and academic resources. By utilizing this service, postgraduate trainees can enhance their knowledge, make informed clinical decisions, and improve their teaching abilities.

The availability and accessibility of medical databases are crucial for the continuous professional development of postgraduate medical and dental professionals. These databases provide the latest research findings, medical guidelines, and evidence-based information necessary for delivering quality patient care. Additionally, these resources aid in the advancement of medical education by providing valuable teaching materials and references. By providing access to medical databases, the PGIM library enables postgraduate medical and dental professionals to stay updated with the latest advancements in their respective fields. This accessibility empowers them to engage in evidence-based practice, enhancing the overall quality of patient care. Moreover, it supports their educational endeavors, enabling them to deliver effective and up-to-date teachings to future healthcare professionals.

PGIM library plays a crucial role in facilitating information access and supporting academic and research goals. In resource-constrained settings, efforts are made to overcome challenges and provide extensive access to medical databases. The article request service offered by the PGIM library specifically caters to the needs of postgraduate medical and dental professionals, ensuring their continuous professional development, clinical decision-making, and teaching and learning.

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#### Long Service Awards 2022, University of Colombo

Mrs. Inoka Dissanayake, Senior Staff Assistant, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine received the Long Service Awards for her 30 years of service at the Awarding Ceremony held on 23.01.2022 in University of Colombo.



## **Establishment of PGIM New Facility Center**

According to the FC215/4.15- (03.12.2021) and BoM (PGIM/DB/FM 215<sup>th</sup> 05.03.2022) established the PGIM facility Center at the Postgraduate Medical Center, National Hospital, Kandy since 01.04.2022. The HP All in One four (04) computers were handed over on 26.04.2022 to the PGMC for PG trainees for their academic activities.

### Stock Verification Procedure in the University Libraries - UGC circular

The PGIM library is being conducted the stock verification under UGC circular 01/2022 with the main committee and two sub-committees.

Fees for the services provided by the Library, PGIM				
Item	Fee from 01.04.2023			
	(Rs.)			
Membership fees				
Annually	5500.00			
Monthly	550.00			
CD Burning				
With CD and case	e 200.00			
With a CD	150.00			
With a DVD	170.00			
Without DVD/CI	100.00			
Scanning (1 page)	70.00			
Print outs				
Single p/p	14.00			
Doublep/p	16.00			
Photocopy				
Single	10.00			
Double	14.00			
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