

OUR VITAL SIGNS

40+ Years of UMKC's Clinical Medical Librarian Program

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BASELINE 1971

- One CML per unit
- Information retrieval-LATCH, current references, latest topics
- Embedded
- Research project participation
- Met anticipated & point of care information needs



"What I did was to explore the possibilities of supporting this new teaching style at the school of medicine. And I went out as a member of the patient care team, along with the clinical pharmacist and the clinical dietitian and the social worker, and the physician. And I discovered that all of those team members had information needs and they were never met."
Gertrude "Trudy" Lamb – 1985

TEMPERATURE

- Attend noon conferences & other presentations
- Do favors – they will bring you ROI
- Develop mailing lists
- Mentor for case reports & systematic reviews
- Offer to teach
- When invited, go to potlucks & social events

BLOOD PRESSURE

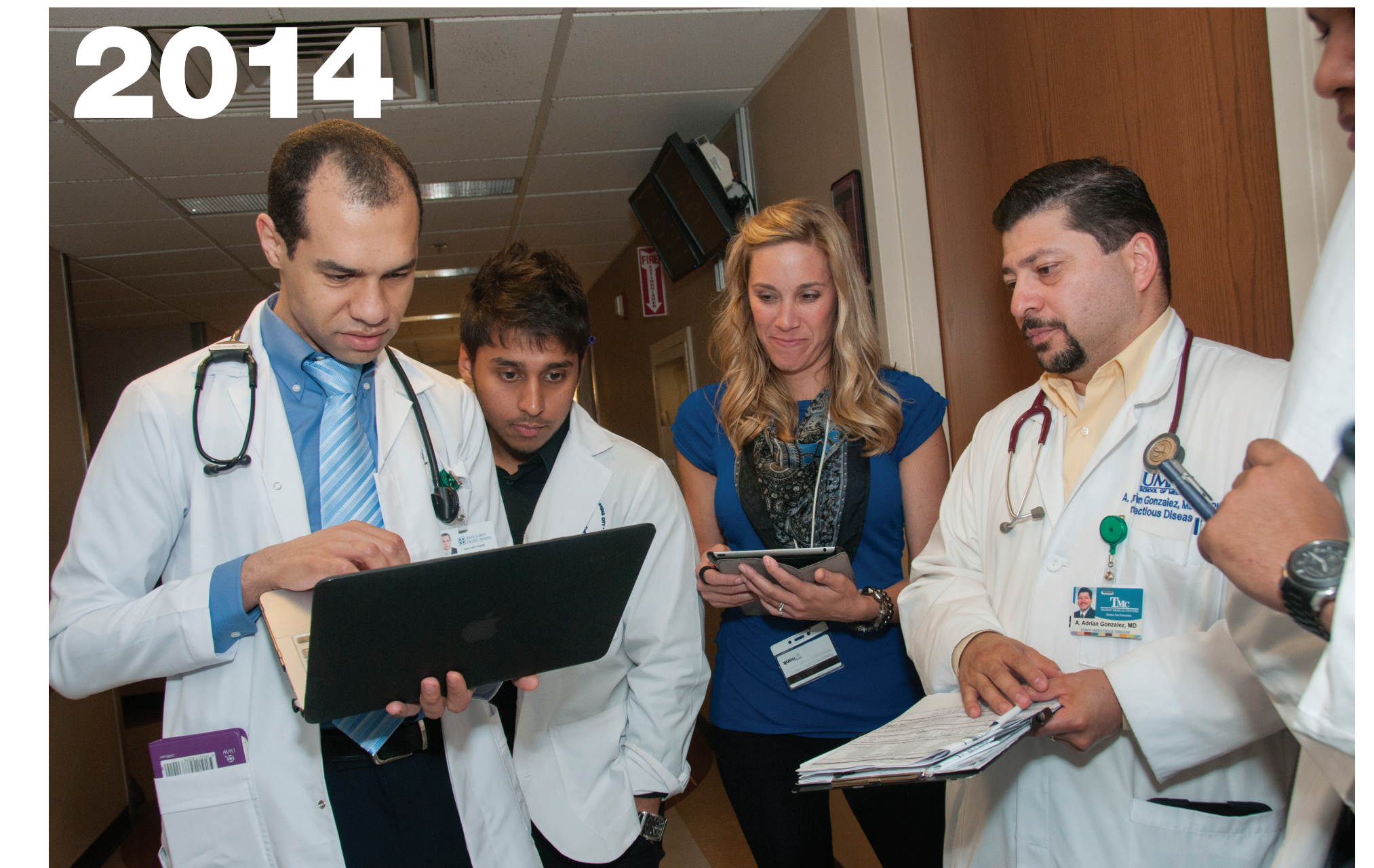
- Support & train new librarians who want to work in a clinical setting
- Get to know how the new, incoming medical students learn
- Develop & teach an elective class
- Learn quick ways to incorporate assessment into your teaching

PULSE

- Continuing Education to build skills, make connections
- Knowledge of medical terminology
- Laboratory Interpretation Skills
- Ability to analyze & apply medical studies
- Understanding of health care environment and culture

BREATHING RATE

- We've gone from paper copies to email with hyper links
- Most of us use mobile devices with various operating systems, but a few still do not
- We use a variety of teaching strategies
- We try quick assessment techniques
- We recognize the importance of inter-professional health care teams



"I had always slid by using Google to fake my way through research before but now I understand how to use the databases, I wish I had understood all of this earlier. You Rock!"
Student – 2014

"Most importantly, your enthusiasm for the topic really was a strong source of motivation for me."
Resident – 2014

"Your instruction was very useful. I was not aware of all of the resources available through UMKC. Thank you!"
Student – 2014

"When listening to Dr. Dimond talk about the teams he was setting up with doctors, nurses and pharmacists, the Dean of the KU Medical Library asked, 'What about a librarian?'"
Amrita Burdick, CML –2014

