## **UpToDate**

Understanding Clinical Decision Support

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#### Introduction

- Why Point of Care/Clinical Decision Support
- What is UpToDate Features and Benefits
- Research Studies
- Myths and Misconceptions
- UpToDate in the UK
- WIIFM UpToDate and NHS Library Services



### Why CDS? Doctors Have Clinical Questions

Unanswered clinical questions impact patient management decisions

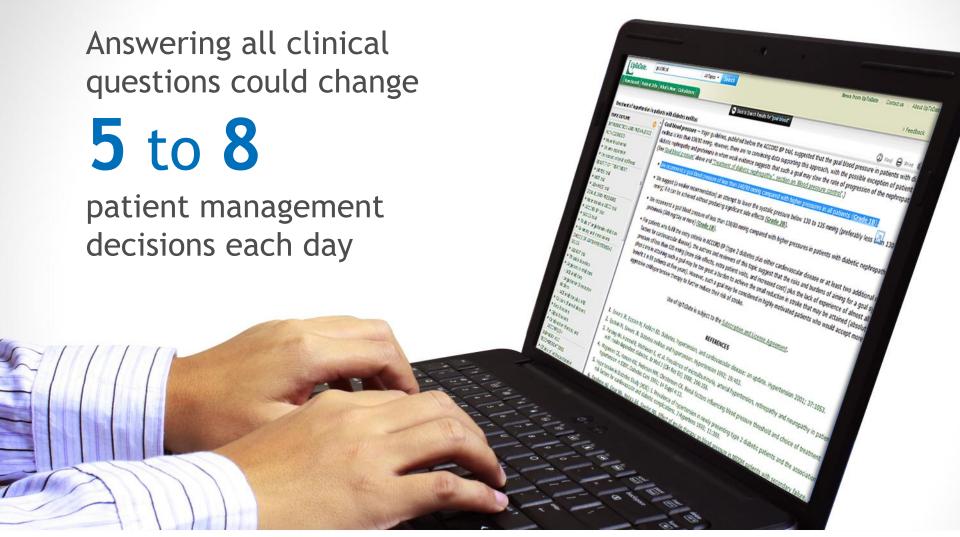
Approximately 2 out of 3 clinical encounters generate a question

Physicians have approximately 11 clinical questions a day

of questions get answered



### Many Clinical Questions Go Unanswered



## Where do Clinicians go when they have questions?

Recent HSJ Webinar impact of CDS on Patient Safety - Dr Peter Williams - St Helen's and Knowsley

Interviews with 15 Junior Doctors

- Ask a colleague
- Internet Dr Google
- Use Local Trust Guidelines
- NICE Guidelines
- Use Oxford Handbooks
- Question what are your Junior Doctors and Consultants using to answer clinical questions?



## Features of CDS systems that are correlated with improving patient care\*

- Integrated into the workflow
- Electronic based
- Provide decision support at the time and location of care rather than prior to or after the patient encounter
- Provides recommendations for care, not just assessments

\*Kawamoto, K, et al. Improving clinical practice using clinical decision support systems: a systematic review of trials to identify features critical to success. BMJ 2005; 330:740.



#### Features of CDS

- Comprehensive
- Evidence Based
- Easy to Use
- Trusted



### What is UpToDate?

- •The oldest and most established CDS System (22 years)
- Electronic Evidence-Based Clinical Decision Support System written by Physicians for Clinicians and Healthcare professionals to:-
- answer clinical questions quickly and accurately
- improve clinical knowledge
- improve patient care



### What Is UpToDate?

#### CDS widely used around the Globe

- > 700,000+ clinicians in 158 countries use UpToDate to improve care
- > 90% of academic medical centers in US, 95% in Benelux, 95% in Germany, 86% in Japan
- > Part of clinical workflows in over 25,000 institutions and practices worldwide
- Over 100 hospitals in the UK

#### Depth and breadth

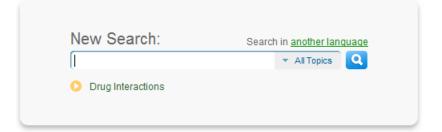
- > 5,100+ authors, editors and peer reviewers from 51 countries (250 of these are based in the UK)
- > 50 physician editors on staff
- ➤ 10K topics over 20+ specialties, 9K evidenced-based, graded recommendations
- > 20 million topics accessed each month
- > Editorial independence



## Features of UpToDate

#### Ease of Use







## Graded Summaries and Treatment Recommendations

- Grade System is an international system
- UpToDate has been working with Gordon Guyatt McMaster University since 2000
- We are part of the Grade Working Group (Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation)
- Graded Recommendations have been part of UTD since 2005



#### **Graded Recommendation**

#### 9,000 Graded Recommendations in UpToDate



mild to moderate hypertension (140 to 159/90 to 109 mmHg), or severe hypertension (≥160/110 mmHg).

Treatment of severe hypertension has a well-established maternal benefit of reduction in stroke risk, but there is no proven maternal or fetal benefit from treatment of mild to moderate hypertension over the relatively short duration of a full term pregnancy. In addition, lowering maternal blood pressure can inhibit fetal growth by decreasing placental perfusion, and may expose the fetus to potentially harmful physiological effects of these drugs. (See 'General approach' above.)

Angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, angiotensin II receptor blockers (ARBs) and direct renin inhibitors are contraindicated at all stages of pregnancy. (See 'ACE inhibitors, ARBs, direct renin inhibitors' above.)

#### Preeclampsia

- . We suggest avoiding antihypertensive therapy for mild to moderate hypertension associated with preeclampsia (Grade 2B). There are no proven benefits to mother o fetus, other than reduction in risk of severe maternal hypertension, and we are concerned about potential adverse fetal effects. (See 'General approach' above and 'Indications for antihypertensive therapy' above.)
- . We recommend treatment of severe hypertension (Grade 1B). The goal of treatment is to prevent maternal cerebrovascular complications. We initiate antihypertensive therapy in adult women at systolic pressures ≥150 mmHg and diastolic blood pressures ≥100 mmHg. We initiate treatment at a lower threshold in younger women whose baseline blood pressure was low, and in those with symptoms that may be attributable to elevated blood pressure (eg. headache, visual disturbances cheet discomfort)



#### Grade

- Two Parts to the Grade
- Strength of the Recommendation

#### **Grade 1B recommendation**

A Grade 1B recommendation is a strong recommendation, and applies to most patients. Clinicians should follow a strong recommendation unless a clear and compelling rationale for an alternative approach is present.

#### **Explanation:**

A Grade 1 recommendation is a strong recommendation. It means that we believe that if you follow the recommendation, you will be doing more good than harm for most, if not all of your patients.

Grade B means that the best estimates of the critical benefits and risks come from randomized, controlled trials with important limitations (eg, inconsistent results, methodologic flaws, imprecise results, extrapolation from a different population or setting) or very strong evidence of some other form. Further research (if performed) is likely to have an impact on our confidence in the estimates of benefit and risk, and may change the estimates.

#### Recommendation grades

- 1. Strong recommendation: Benefits clearly outweigh the risks and burdens (or vice versa) for most, if not all, patients
- 2. Weak recommendation: Benefits and risks closely balanced and/or uncertain

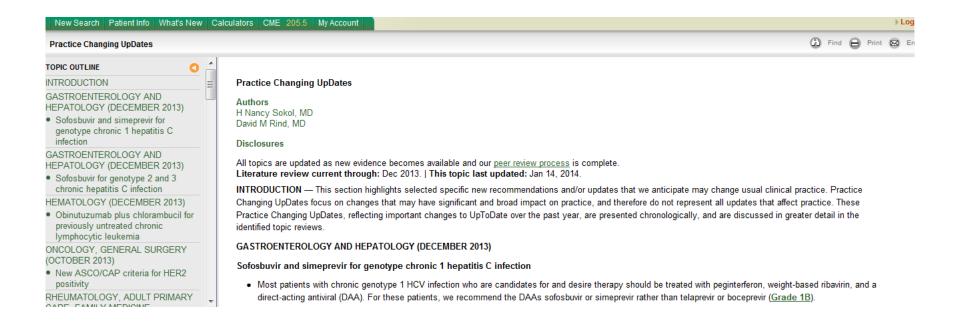
#### Evidence grades

- A. High-quality evidence: Consistent evidence from randomized trials, or overwhelming evidence of some other form
- B. Moderate-quality evidence: Evidence from randomized trials with important limitations, or very strong evidence of some other form
- C. Low-quality evidence: Evidence from observational studies, unsystematic clinical observations, or from randomized trials with serious flaws



#### **Practice Changing Updates**

Practice Changing Updates - What's New





#### **Topic Outlines**

Written in the way a clinician thinks





#### Patient Information

- Over 1,500 Patient Information Topics
- Non-Clinical (Basic)
- Clinical (Beyond the Basics)
- Patient information topics are written by the same authors who write the topics in some CDS systems patient information contradicts what is in the topic
- Patient information topics can be e-mailed out to patients
- Beyond the basics is used extensively in the Medical Schools to give a good overview of the condition



#### **Graphics Database**

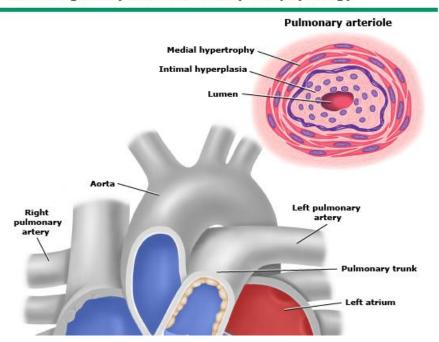
- A Graphics Database of over 25,000 Graphics including tables, figures, images and videos
- These can be downloaded into PowerPoint and can be used in creating Course Packs and Training Materials
- Our authors personally select graphics to illustrate and support the topic findings



## Graphic Example



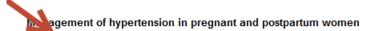
#### Eisenmenger's syndrome anatomy and physiology





#### **Editorial Process**

- UpToDate has a rigorous editorial three tier process
- Author, Editor and Section Editors
- We use a blind peer review process
- Always list who has authored the topic



Author Phyllis August, MD, MPH Section Editors Charles J Lockwood, MD George L Bakris, MD Deputy Editor Vanessa A Barss, MD



#### **Editorial Process**

- Our 5,100 authors, editors world wide review over 450 high impact factor titles and open access titles synthesize the findings, and write original topics
- Many topics have 60 plus reviewed articles
- As standard for each topic we review BMJ, Lancet, NEJM and JAMA and specialist titles for the specialty
- Link to UpToDate Reviewed Journals
- <a href="http://www.uptodate.com/home/journals-reviewed-uptodate">http://www.uptodate.com/home/journals-reviewed-uptodate</a>



#### **Medical Calculators**

• 140 Medical Calculators which can be searched our browsed

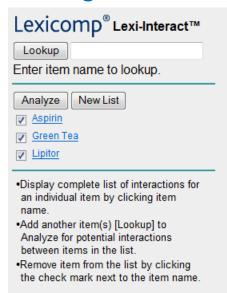
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Clinical F	Findings
	Paralysis, paresis or recent orthopedic casting of lower extremity (1 point)
	Recently bedridden (more than 3 days) or major surgery within past 4 weeks (1 point)
	Localized tenderness in deep vein system (1 point)
	Swelling of entire leg (1 point)
	Calf swelling 3 cm greater than other leg (measured 10 cm below the tibial tuberosity) (1 point)
	Pitting edema greater in the symptomatic leg (1 point)
	Collateral non varicose superficial veins (1 point)
	Active cancer or cancer treated within 6 months (1 point)
	Alternative diagnosis more likely than DVT (Baker's cyst, cellulitis, muscle damage, superficial venous thrombosis, post phlebitic syndrome, inquinal lymphadenopathy, (



### **Drug Interactions Database**

## Analyses the drug interactions prescribed drugs, over the counter drugs and herbal medicines



#### **Lexi-Comp Online™ Interaction Analysis**

#### Customize Analysis

Only interactions at or above the selected <u>risk rating</u> will be displayed. A: View interaction detail by clicking on link.

#### **Aspirin**

[D] Green Tea (Herbs (Anticoagulant/Antiplatelet Properties))

#### Green Tea

[D] Aspirin (Salicylates)

#### Lipitor (AtorvaSTATin)

No interactions identified with others in the selection list.

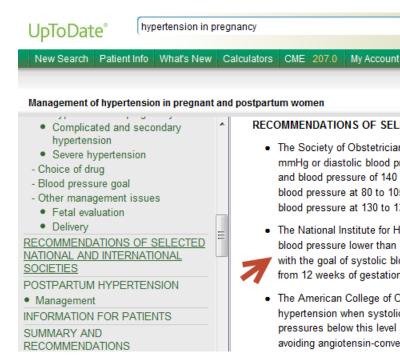
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**Disclaimer** Readers are advised that decisions regarding drug therapy must be based on the independent judgme information about a drug (eg, as reflected in the literature and manufacturer's most current product information), and



#### Selected International Guidelines

Include Selected International Guidelines



#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF SELECTED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SOCIETIES

▼ All Topics

• The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC) guideline recommends anti-hypertensive treatment for new onset systolic b mmHg or diastolic blood pressure >110 mmHg, with goal blood pressure <160/110 mmHg [39]. For women with chronic hypertension without co and blood pressure of 140 to 159/90 to 109 mmHg, antihypertensive drug therapy should be used to keep systolic blood pressure at 130 to 155 r blood pressure at 80 to 105 mmHg. For women with chronic hypertension with comorbid conditions, antihypertensive drug therapy should be use blood pressure at 130 to 139 mmHg and diastolic blood pressure at 80 to 89 mmHg.

Back to Search Results

- The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) recommends that for pregnant women with uncomplicated chronic hypertension to blood pressure lower than 150/100 mmHg [40]. In women with gestational hypertension or preeclampsia, treatment is initiated at blood pressures with the goal of systolic blood pressures <150 mmHg and diastolic blood pressures of 80 to 100 mmHg. They also recommend use of low dose; from 12 weeks of gestation to reduce the risk of preeclampsia. (See "Prevention of preeclampsia", section on 'Approach to therapy'.)</li>
- The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Task Force on Hypertension in Pregnancy recommends treatment of persists hypertension when systolic pressure is ≥160 mmHg or diastolic pressure is ≥105 mmHg and suggests avoiding antihypertensive therapy in wom pressures below this level and no evidence of end-organ damage [1]. They suggest labetalol, nifedipine, or methyldopa as first-line therapy. They avoiding angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors, angiotensin receptor blockers, renin inhibitors, and mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists. The

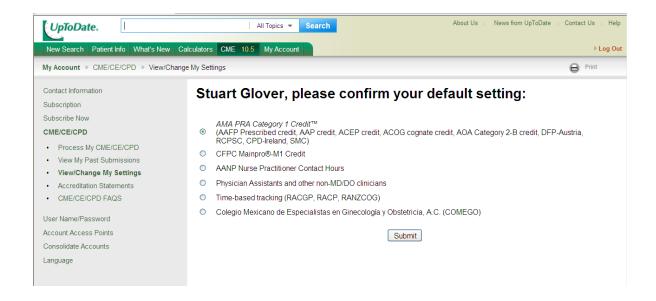


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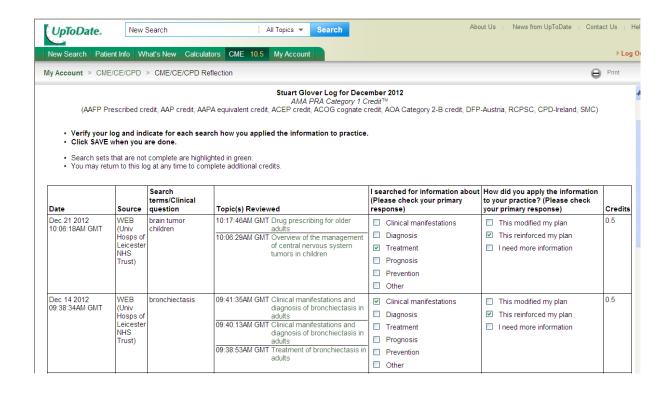
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#### CPD and UpToDate

UHL used CME Reflection Page for CPD









## Ample Evidence for Impact of CDS

Widespread, global usage of UpToDate has lead to it being most researched and studied CDS

Over 30 studies



## Recent research from the UK demonstrates CDS changes decision making and behavior

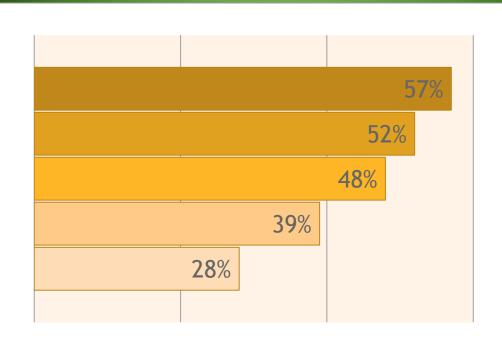
Investigators surveyed doctors at healthcare organizations in North West England which subscribe to UpToDate.

Respondents were asked to describe a scenario in which they had used UpToDate, and to identify benefits, if any, associated with that scenario.

Addison J, Whitcombe J, Glover SW. How doctors make use of online, point-of-care clinical decision support systems: a case study of UpToDate. Health Information & Libraries Journal, 2012 30, pp. 13-22

#### Recent research from the UK

## More than 90% of the 239 respondents who had used UpToDate identified at least one benefit:

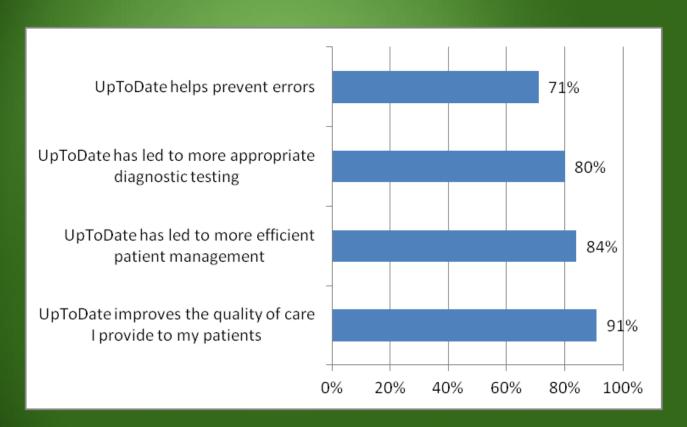


- UpToDate reduced treatment delays
- UpToDate meant they avoided unnecessary diagnostic tests
- UpToDate reduced delays in diagnosis
- UpToDate changed their treatment decision
- UpToDate reduced the time to discharge

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### UpToDate UK Subscriber Survey Results

Respondents to a 2012 subscriber survey in the UK shared the following





#### Use of UpToDate Associated with Improved Outcomes

Solucient<sup>(1)</sup> studied the impact of UpToDate on length of stay, patient complications and patient safety(2)

## **Impact**



Significantly shortens lengths of stay

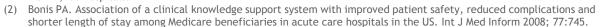


Significantly lowers complication rates



Significantly lowers adverse outcome rates

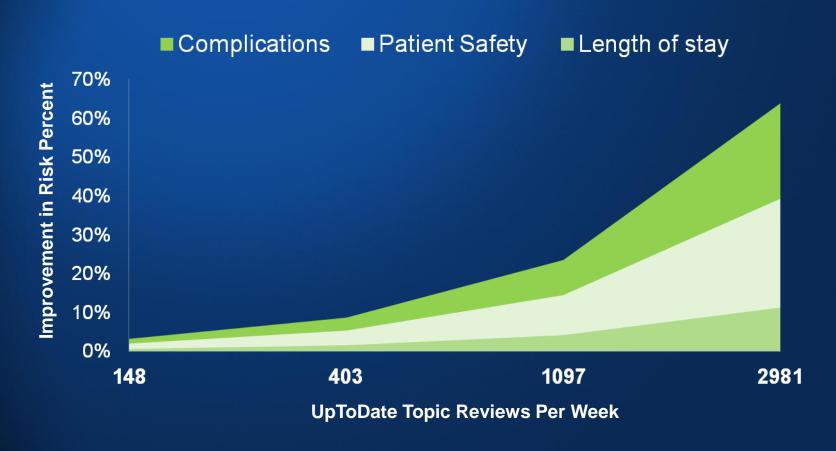
<sup>(1)</sup> Solucient maintains the nation's largest healthcare database, comprised of more than 26 million discharges per year from 2,900 hospitals.





### The more UpToDate is used the better the outcomes

UpToDate Usage Levels and Impact on Patient Complications, Patient Safety, and length of stay



## Researchers at Harvard University Find UpToDate Associated with Improved Outcomes

Use of UpToDate Associated with:

Improved Quality
Every condition on Hospital Quality Alliance
Metrics

Shorter Lengths of Stay 372,000 days over 1 year

Lower Mortality Rates 11,500 lives over 3 years



#### Research Is Global







### Forrester Study (UK)

A Forrester Total Economic Impact™ Study Prepared For UpToDate

# The Total Economic Impact Of UpToDate's Clinical Decision Support System For Healthcare Institutions

A Case Study Of Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust

#### Forrester

• Findings were ROI within first three months in terms of cost savings in terms of reduced diagnostic tests efficiencies

Table 1

UpToDate: One-Year, Risk-Adjusted Benefits, Costs, And ROI Summary

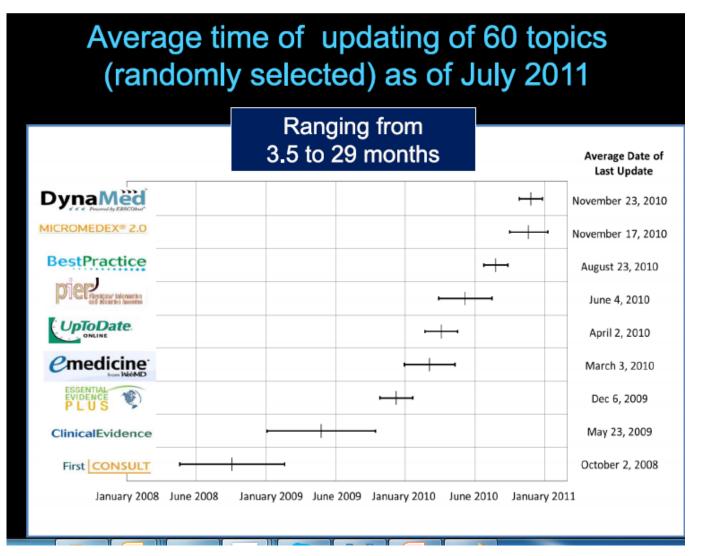
ROI	Payback period	Total benefits	Total costs
402%	Within 3 months	£123,958	(£24,678)

Source: Forrester Research, Inc.

### Myths and Misconceptions

- We are not up-to-date
- Too American
- We do not support Nice Guidelines
- Drug Information
- Mobile app





## **Continuous Publishing**

- UpToDate implemented continuous publishing in 2012 update 5 days a week
- Before that Practice Changing UpDates we updated immediately.



#### Too American

- ➤ 158 countries use UpToDate to improve care
- ➤ Part of clinical workflows in over 25,000 institutions and practices worldwide
- Over 100 hospitals in the UK
- ➤ Have over 250 contributors from the UK
- If you were to survey departments within your hospital within their top 10 journals American journals would be cited.
- Representation from UK Library and Clinical Communities



#### Nice Guidelines

- We support selected guidelines from international bodies
- CAG has raised this with us
- A number of Trusts use UTD to write their local guidelines in conjunction with NICE Guidelines



### **Drug Information**

- Dosing is US
- This has been managed in over 100 Trusts by training
- We are working with a group of UK Customers at the moment on the feasibility of incorporating BNF into UpToDate



### Feedback on Drug Information in UTD

#### Daily Telegraph

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/news/10488778/Digital-doctors-how-mobile-apps-are-changing-healthcare.html

"One of my favorite things about using the UpToDate app is the access to Lexicomp, the Wolters Kluwer Health drug database. I had a patient the other day who was reporting a very unusual symptom that he was claiming was a side effect of an HIV medication he was on," she said. "I looked it up in our local BNF (British National Formulary) system and the information was very generic. I then looked it up on UpToDate and was able to show that in fact, he was right. UpToDate noted that 1-6% of patients experienced headaches while using this medication. With UpToDate, getting an answer was really quick and I was able to show the patient."

Dr Effrossyni Gkrania-Klotsas, infectious diseases consultant at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust,



#### Mobile App

- UHL are our Beta Test Partner for the institutional mobile app (UTDA)
- We currently offer a mobile optimised version "app like" and designed for ward rounds
- Launching the Mobile App for institutions Q2 and your UTD account manager will be contacting you regarding an implementation plan
- Many Trusts are not mobile ready
- Have no mobile policy
- This is an opportunity for librarians to promote their skills and support



### UpToDate in the UK

- Implemented in over 100 Trusts and Medical Schools
- Trusts are using us for CPD and Revalidation
- Support the QIPP Agenda
- Quality Evidence Based
- Innovative Ease of Use clearly defined strategy for the deployment of mobile
- Productive Associated with cost savings reducing length of hospital stays (Harvard Public Health Study)
- Prevention Associated with prevention and improving Patient
   Safety and Care
- Being used in some Trusts to write local Trust Guidelines



### UpToDate in the UK

- European Clinical Advisory Board
- Dr Paul Altmann CCIO Oxford Universities NHS Trust
- Dr Michael Fisher CCIO and Consultant Cardiologist Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen
- Library Advisory Board
- Betsy Anagnostelis UCL/Royal Free
- Sarah Sutton UHL NHS Trust



### WIIFM - UpToDate and an NHS Library Service

- As standard we implement all NHS customers with the NHS Evidence link resolver
- In December I completed a project to set-up all existing customers with the NHS Evidence Resolver
- Librarians have reported increased journal usage
- By bringing expensive full text to the POC it has exposed the library
- Enabled librarians to support an evidence-based collection development policy
- Saying "No" has been easier
- Increased Athens usage



### WIIFM - UpToDate and NHS Library Services

- Involvement in mobile strategies
- New opportunity to rebrand and promote services you offer
- Trusts librarians working with Medical Education writing e-learning using graphics and content from UTD
- Our very detailed usage statistics help identify areas for training development

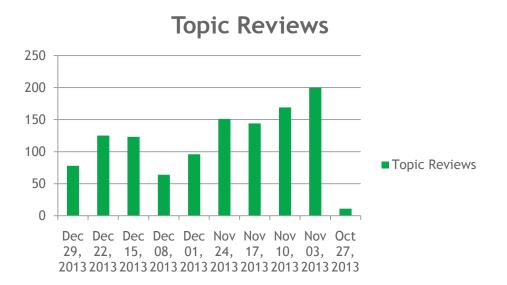


## UpToDate in the UK

• Electronic Health Record (EHR) System integration



## **Usage Statistics**





# By Specialty

Rank	Topic Specialty	Total Topic Hits
1	General Surgery	113
2	Neurology	101
3	Pediatrics	96
4	Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health	92
5	Endocrinology and Diabetes	80
6	Gastroenterology and Hepatology	78
7	Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine	61
8	Adult and Pediatric Emergency Medicine	59
9	Infectious Diseases	59
10	Nephrology and Hypertension	58



# Topic

UpToDate C	Confidential			
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1	Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health	Overview of postpartum hemorrhage	13	
2	General Surgery	Pressure ulcers: Epidemiology, pathogenesis, clinical manifo	10	
3	General Surgery	Treatment of pressure ulcers	10	
4	Pediatrics	Bronchiolitis in infants and children: Treatment; outcome; an	8	
5	Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health	Etiology, prenatal diagnosis, obstetrical management, and re	8	
6	General Surgery	Prevention of pressure ulcers	8	
7	Gastroenterology and Hepatology	What's new in gastroenterology and hepatology	8	
8	Pediatrics	Overview of neonatal respiratory distress: Disorders of trans	7	
9	Oncology	Pathology of bladder neoplasms	7	
10	Pediatrics	Transient hyperphosphatasemia of infancy and early childho	7	



# Thank you and Questions



