

Library Users Training Videos: A new method of teaching and learning

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Abstract:

The Medical Library of the UAB organises courses and training sessions to explain how the various services and areas of the libraries operate, how to consult the catalogue, or where and how to locate documents so that users can get to know and understand the tools and services that the Medical Library has to offer. After this first stage more special courses are also given on search strategies and how to locate resources of information on a specific subject, how to find information, etc. Those courses are free for members of the UAB university community, but they must attend them. Users' preferences are changing; they now prefer more flexible attendance at user's training course instead of fixed courses, in other words, anywhere at anytime. Audiovisual systems could provide a good solution for the students because allow to share courses as many times as users want.

The UAB Medical Library is conformed as a network inside the system with the main medical library on the University Campus (Bellaterra) and four other libraries in educational units in 4 hospitals in the area of Barcelona. We need to find a system that allows students to find out the same information about library and their information resources. Several years ago we offered a presentation tutorial of the main services and medical information resources for our users. This tutorial is still used and updated every year, but we need other support, which is more use-friendly for new students.

Medical Library and Learning Resources Centre are working together making basic tutorial videos. The UAB Medical School has a *Polimedia* licence. *Polimedia* is a system designed at the Polytechnic University of Valencia (Spain) for the creation of multimedia content such as support for teaching face. In other words; these are materials that combine the simultaneous playing of two videos in a single space. This tool helps to enhance students to learn, and is open and flexible. It allows the students to choose the time, day and place they want to study. This special software can record live presentations and allows using tools like: *Power Point* presentations, screens or interaction with websites.

In several UAB Libraries are making tutorial videos. We are planning to offer basic courses using *Camtasia Studio* or *Captive* systems, and use *Polimedia* for more special. In our presentation we plan to explain the work in progress with teaching videos to assist users in searching for the most appropriate resources.