

MCGILL FAMILY MEDICINE RESEARCH SEMINARS



“USE OF THE INTERNET FOR SEEKING HEALTH INFORMATION AND IMPACT ON THE RELATIONSHIP WITH PRIMARY CARE CLINICIANS”

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Patients look for online health information before and after meeting with primary care clinicians. They use various websites including social media platforms and are exposed to information from multiple sources. Using the literature, the following questions will be addressed; What is the impact of patients' searches for online health information on the use of health care resources and on the relationship with primary care clinicians? Is the Internet reshaping the content of the conversation between clinicians and their patients? Are physicians ready to meet these «informed» patients? How does this affect clinical role?

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Thursday December 11, 2014
From 12:00-1:30 p.m.
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BRING YOUR LUNCH! There will be light refreshments.
There is no parking on site and parking is limited in the area. Taxis and public transport are advised.

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