

INQUIRY



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Integrity, Inquiry, Collaboration, Service, Humility

The values of Belmont University that compose the title of the inaugural newsletter article of the Belmont University Drug Information Center (BUDIC) are those of the BUDIC. *Inquiry* provides an unbiased voice of medication information amidst an ocean of spin, speculation, and conjecture.

The word "**Inquiry**" was chosen because asking questions of self and others is essential to drug information practice as well as reliance upon the literature, or **Integrity**, and **Collaboration** with other professionals and **Service** to the health-care community. Ultimately, all of these values are bound by the **Humility** of knowing that one person cannot know all or be all, but that one person can serve.

As a publication of the Belmont University Drug Information Center (BUDIC), the newsletter is part of fulfilling the School of Pharmacy's vision to serve as a "... resource for training and supporting competent, compassionate practitioners with a passion for life-long professional improvement...". Newsletter articles may take many forms including new drug summaries, clinical trial reviews, consumer product updates, and faculty contributions.

The newsletter will be published routinely and will initially be distributed to all College of Health Sciences Faculty. Suggestions for improvement and contributions from all faculty are welcomed and encouraged.

The Belmont University School of Pharmacy Prepares Drug Information Center

The Belmont University Drug Information Center (BUDIC) supports the College of Health Sciences faculty and staff in their educational efforts and trains students in medication information management. Information management includes the abilities to 1) identify useful and authoritative literature sources, 2) critically evaluate information, and 3) apply information to a patient or patient population.

The BUDIC staff is available to answer drug-related questions for faculty and preceptors. Some examples of questions are as follows: which drug that your patient is taking is causing an adverse effect, do any of the drugs interact with each other, is it safe to take drug A during pregnancy, etc.? BUDIC faculty are also available to assist students with projects and assignments.

Currently, the BUDIC is housed in temporary space and consolidating resources. Please contact Cathy Turner, Pharm.D. with questions at ext. 6531 or by e-mail at turnerch@mail.belmont.edu.

Upcoming Articles...

Is Vitamin Supplementation Necessary While Taking Prescription Medications?

Article Review: Turner EH, Matthews AM, Linardatos E, Tell RA, Rosenthal R. Selective publication of antidepressant trials and its influence on apparent efficacy. *N Engl J Med* 2008;358:252-60.

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