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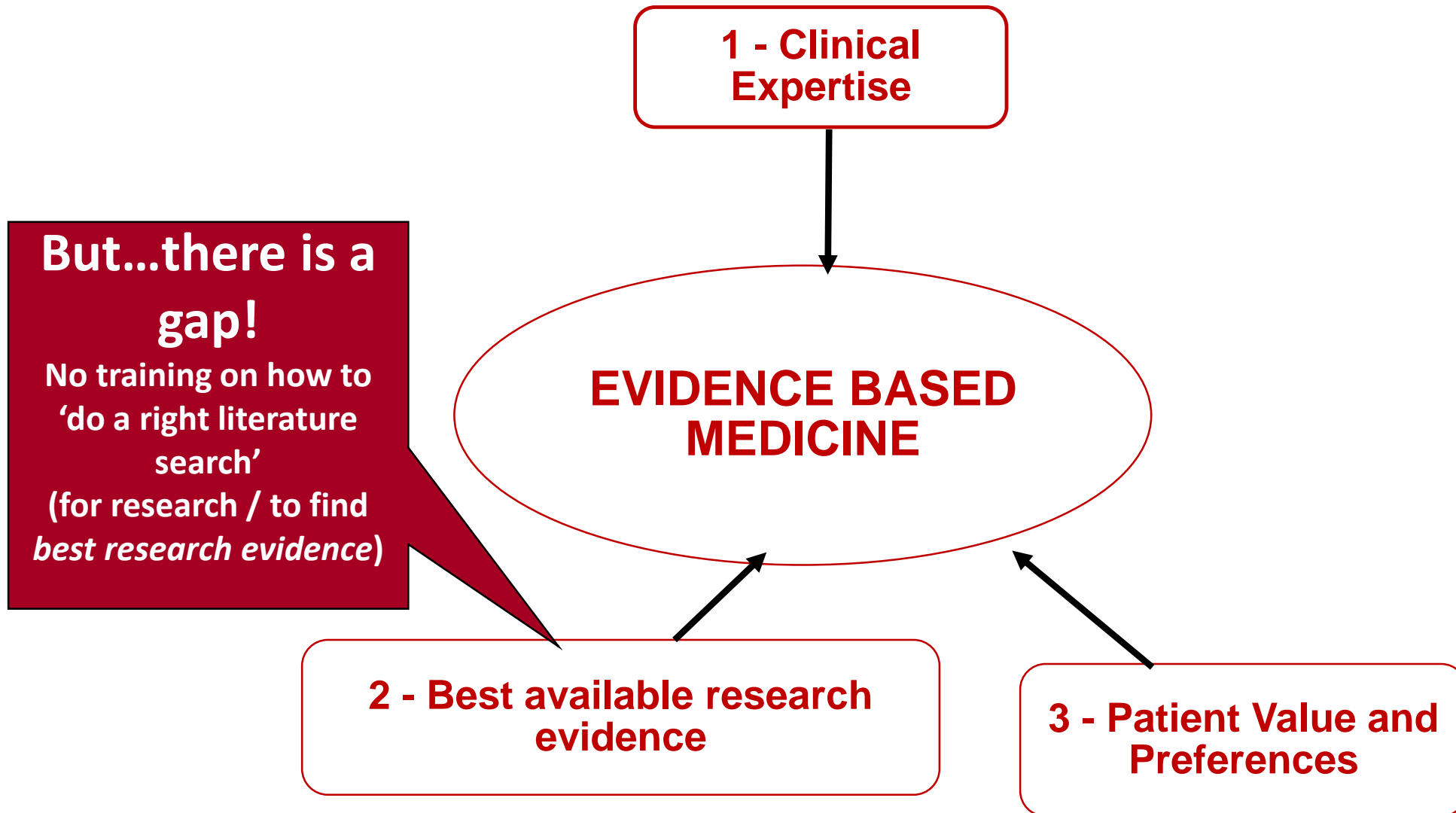
***Building a generation that engages in the
practice of evidence based healthcare***

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INDIAN SCENARIO



Health professionals know that
'Evidence Based Medicine'
is an integration of three components



**Literature
searching**

**Not taught
OR
Taught sporadically in a few
institutions**

Time wasted

Inadequate literature

**Not the best of
literature**

Quality of publications???

MCI - "Competency based UG curriculum for the Indian Medical Graduate" specifies in 3.4.4:

"Demonstrate ability to search (including through electronic means), and critically evaluate the medical literature and apply the information in the care of the patient"

Source: <https://www.mciindia.org/CMS/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/UG-Curriculum-Vol-III.pdf>

QMED'S INTERVENTION SINCE 2008: LECTURES: 'INFORMATION LITERACY'



Lectures since 2008

More than 550 - at:

- **Medical / nursing / dental colleges**
- **Preconference workshops**
- **MECOR – a prog by the American Thoracic Society**

Coverage:

- Three major types of resources
- Four key principles of searching online
- Introduction to evidence based resources

Target Audience

- Students – UG, PG, Superspecialty
- Academicians
- Practitioners
- Information Specialists/Librarians



Founder – Vasumathi Sriganesh is recognized by the MUHS as a faculty for research methodology workshops

QMED'S INTERVENTION: WORKSHOPS: (HANDS ON / INTERACTIVE)

Workshops since 2008

More than 275 workshops across medical / nursing / dental colleges as well as preconference workshops

Topics

- PubMed – Basics
- Reference management softwares
- PubMed – Advanced
- Cochrane Library
- Searching to author systematic reviews

(Other specific sources - on request)

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Workshops - Collaborative

With “The Union” (formerly IUATLD)

Conducted four Train the Trainer workshops – 2016-2019 (one in Mandalay, Myanmar)

- For medical college teachers
- These teachers have been teaching their students in their institutions

QMED'S ELEARNING COURSES

E-Learning courses

Six courses:

- Information Resources & Literature Searching
- Referencing
- PubMed
- Mendeley
- Zotero
- Advanced searching to author Systematic Reviews
- (More in the pipeline)

Features:

- Self learning at one's pace
- Can be done on any device
- Assessments & certification
- QMed's mentoring

Mission: To reach out to health science students and professionals all over India

Assessment and Feedback: 2008-2020

Testimonials: ELearning courses

One of the best online resources I used. The lessons were made easy to understand.

- Faculty

it was a wonderful learning experience. The pace and mode of delivering the lectures are praiseworthy. Learnt the skill of teaching also along with PubMed.

- Faculty

I have reviewed more than 300 journal articles for National and International journals and was always interested in using the citation menu in Microsoft Office but could never figure it out. With QMed's Reference Management with Mendeley course it strengthened my acumen

-Faculty

I finished a systematic review protocol within six months. Without this course I would have taken much longer.

-PG student

Testimonials

It is with immense pleasure that I share - that two original articles I authored, have got accepted in peer-reviewed PubMed indexed international journals.

- III Year Resident

I had recently done a Literature Review on my own. But having watched these lessons, I now feel I have made so many mistakes while referencing. I am highly grateful for these video lectures..

- UG Student

Statistics from our live workshops

- More than 70% content was new learning for most participants
- More than 90% participants felt that these courses should be part of the curriculum

Funding

QMed's *Ideal* Annual Budget

\$ 1,50,000

Funding:

Family

Donations from

Friends, Health professionals

Income from

Workshops

Funding components

Technology:

- Cloud hosting
- Technology upgrades

Courses maintenance & updates

- Mentoring / Doubt solving
- Reporting
- New Content creation
- Content upgrade

Achievements

Founder Vasumathi Sriganesh:

Winner of the International Clinical Librarians Conference Evidence into Practice Award – 2013



Recognized as speaker by MUHS and MMC
Member – Academy of Health Professions Educators

Achievements

Founder Vasumathi Sriganesh:

Winner of the Dr SR Ranganathan Lifetime Achievement Award – Oct 2024



Going Ahead

Mission

- **To have every medical and allied health institution register for the courses**

Picture ahead

- **PG students must produce certificate of learning as part of their curriculum**
- **UG students encouraged to do the courses – readiness for PG and professional life**
- **Librarians and Faculty encouraged to learn**