



Chapter Council Presents
Sharing Roundtables
MLA Annual Meeting
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Supporting Magnet Initiatives
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Participants: Carole Baker, Barbara Davis, Linda Feinberg, Claire Huntington, Mary Joyce, Joy Kennedy, Sherrill Olsen, Lola Hampton Purvis, Laura Stubblefield, Jason Young. Participants included librarians from hospitals with Magnet status, going for Magnet or considering Magnet.

Topics:

Achieving Magnet status

Resources (shared governance and multidisciplinary committees) must be in place before hospitals would be considered for Magnet status.

How medical libraries are affected by Magnet status

Because of Magnet requirements, many nurses are returning to school to obtain higher degrees. Library demands will become greater, and there will be many opportunities to teach nurses about EBP and library services. Nurses will remember good library service and tell their co-workers.

How to support Magnet committees and initiatives, which will create library advocates

- Ask CNO
- Be proactive and set up searches for the Quality Improvement department
- Join the nursing research, quality and/or infection control committees
- Scan table of contents (TOC) of nursing journals and forward articles to appropriate people
- Send TOCs of nursing journals with CE credits to Nursing Education department in hospital
- House training videos in the library (e.g., Concept Media)
- Help create and/or maintain websites
- Help with patient education
- Teach Web 2.0 classes
- Offer nursing CEUs for library classes (talk to Nursing Education first)
- Take the show on the road: go to people's desks
- Offer coffee/tea/candy and other human touches in the library
- Add anecdotes to library reports
- View yourself as a "connector" and advertise your services as time savers. Use slogans such as "If you look more than 10 minutes for something, call the library."