Where Do Family Physicians Go to Answer Clinical Questions?
In an average week, other than looking up a drug dosage, how many times do you use the following to answer clinical questions?

- Textbook: 10
- Internet: 5
- PDA: 4
- Specialty consultant: 2
- FM consultant: 1
- Journals, other print sources: 1
In your day-to-day practice, what two textbooks do you use most often?

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<th>Textbook, editor</th>
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<td>Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, Harrison</td>
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<td>Griffith’s 5-Minute Clinical Consult, Dambro</td>
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<td>Procedures for Primary Care, Pfenninger &amp; Fowler</td>
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<td>Atlas of Dermatology</td>
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In your day-to-day practice, what two Internet resources do you use most often?

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<td>MD consult</td>
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<td>AAFP - familydoctor.org</td>
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When consulting a specialist for a clinical question, what are the two specialties you consult most often?

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<td>Gastroenterology</td>
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<td>Infectious Disease</td>
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In an average week, how many times do you ask yourself a clinical question that you do not pursue immediately by consulting a resource?

Median = 5
Explain why you do not pursue the question immediately.

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<td>No immediate need</td>
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<td>Lack of available of resources</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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What was the last clinical question you pursued in a textbook or on the Internet?

- Etiology/pathophysiology of disease 38%
- Therapy-related 36%
- Responses too non-specific to categorize 14%
How much time did you take?

- **average**: 23.4 minutes
- **median**: 10 minutes
- **mode**: 10 minutes
- **range**: 2 - 240 minutes
Did you find a helpful answer?

- Yes: 79 (96%)
- No: 2 (2%)
- No answer: 2 (2%)
What was the last clinical question you pursued in a textbook or on the Internet?

Acute pancreatitis review
Causes of cholestasis
Chiari I malformation
Correct test to order for multiple thyroid nodules
Diagnosis and treatment for RSV
Diagnosis of disseminated non TB mycobacterial infections.
Diff Dx of Splenomegaly
Differential diagnosis of calicified pleural masses
Etiology of peroneal nerve injury
Evaluation of chronic urticaria
How do I work up hyperbilirubinemia in an adult?
How to differentiate signs and symptoms of left and right heart failure
Hypercaldemia symptoms, causes, evaluation, diagnosis
Is there genetic testing for Lowe's Syndrome.
Is thrombolysis equivalent to PCI in STEMI?
Lab tests for Celiac Disease
Lab values for diagnosis of hemochromatosis
Review of polymyalgia rheumatica--symptoms, signs, treatment options, etc
Rule out chest pain in the emergency room as a cardiac source
Signs and symptoms of lumbar radiculopathy
the differential diagnosis of frequent belching
This patient does not have a fever, but I think they have pyelonephritis. Does that happen or am I off track?
Vaginal bleeding in a 5year old girl
Variations of abnormal thyroid panel
West Nile epidemiology
What is Felty's syndrome?
Work up for an elevated alk phos in a child
Work up of prolonged jaundice in a newborn
Work-up for myasthenia gravis
Appropriate tx for cholestasis of pregnancy
Can Megase be used for mail hot flashes after testosterone supression for prostate cancer?
Complicated case of a child with ADHD that has not responded to the first 3 meds used in titration.
Dosing zantac and reglan infants
Drug interactions with methylphenidate
Duration of treatment of pulmonary embolism and how to confirm it is cleared
Dyspareunia treatment
Effects of ACE vs ARB on long term CV effects
Efficacy of repeating cervadil in a labor patient.
Gouty arthritis, slow response to RX
Guidelines for DVT prophylaxis
In a treated Lymphoma patient who has never had a colonoscopy, can we be reassured that his PET scan for lymphoma would have picked up a colon cancer if present?
Indications and dosage of a new drug, Emend
Induction of labor with pitocin.
Kidney stone treatment to prevent recurrence
Management of Breslow III level malignant melanoma
Med dosage, side effects
New treatment options for rheumatoid arthritis.
Optimal treatment for rosacea.
Prognosis/pre-op steps with high-grade endometrial carcinoma
Recommendations for Colposcopy exam
Recommended age for flu shots
Reviewed initial treatment of acute stroke
The use of CPAP as an adjunct in the treatment of cardiovascular disease.
treatment for condyloma or the perineum and rectal area, multiple lesions cryo vs meds used internet
Treatment for endometrial carcinoma
Treatment for fracture
Treatment of diabetes in pregnancy
Treatment on lichen sclerosis
Treatment options in migraine using antisz meds
Use of Remicade in Crohns
What are the diagnostic features of PUPP (puritic urticarial papules of pregnancy)?
What are the treatment recommendations for OCD with religious scrupulosity
What is the recommended prophylactic treatment in an asthmatic currently on no medications who is getting ready to take part in sports?
What is the routine management of non-recrudescent Wegener's Granulomatosis?
What steroid replacement is needed in patient's with adrenal insufficiency during acute illness?
A clinical topic: Hepatocellular carcinoma staging
Acid Base balance
ARPKD incidence, treatment, expectant management in pregnancy, etc.
Avian flu
Erectile dysfunction work up
HSV meningitis
Hypercalcemia
Hypercalcemia
Hypocalcemia
Male infertility
Patient information on menopause & ERT pros/cons
Reflex sympathetic dystrophy
Restless leg
Subluxating Medial Triceps Syndrome
Syncope