



## Information Skills Assessment

**This assessment is anonymous. Please do not write your name anywhere on these pages.**

1. **Prior to enrolling in the University of Pittsburgh's School of Dental Medicine**, what was the highest level of education that you received:

Bachelor's Degree  
 Master's Degree  
 Doctorate Degree  
 Post-Doctoral Studies

2. **Besides or in addition to the Internet and prior to enrolling in the School of Dental Medicine**, how often did you use a library to conduct research for school?

Research is defined as gathering information through one or more of the library's resources, such as books, magazines, journals, the library's webpage, or the library's databases.

At least once per school year  
 At least twice per school year  
 Three or more times per school year  
 I did not use the library to conduct research for school.  
 I do not remember how often I used the library to conduct research.

3. When was the last time you used a library to conduct research for school?

Less than a year ago  
 1-2 years ago  
 3-4 years ago  
 More than 5 years ago  
 I never used the library to conduct research for school.  
 I do not remember.

4. How **comfortable** are you using a library to conduct research for school-purposes?

Very Comfortable  
 Comfortable  
 Somewhat Comfortable  
 Uncomfortable  
 Very Uncomfortable

5. In addition to or besides the title, how can you distinguish a scholarly journal from a magazine?

- A scholarly journal does not include articles on current topics.
- A scholarly journal has longer articles than magazines.
- A scholarly journal generally has a board of subject area experts review the articles.
- I don't know.

6. A journal article abstract:

- Summarizes the article for the reader.
- Includes a reference list for the reader.
- Is usually several pages long.
- I don't know.

7. If you wanted to ask a librarian to help you come up with subject or search terms to find books or articles in the library's catalog or electronic databases, the **best** place to visit in the library would be the:

- circulation desk.
- reference desk.
- computer help desk.
- I don't know.

8. The difference between reference books and most other books in the library is:

- Reference books are generally textbooks.
- Reference books are always the library's newest books.
- Reference books cannot be borrowed from the library.
- I don't know.

9. Which of the following websites is likely to have the most credible information:

- [www.dentalmedicine.com](http://www.dentalmedicine.com)
- [www.nidcr.nih.gov](http://www.nidcr.nih.gov)
- [www.dentalmedicineexpert.net](http://www.dentalmedicineexpert.net)
- I don't know.

10. What does a citation contain?

- Identifying information, such as author and title, about a particular book, journal, or other resource.
- Identifying information about a library, such as name, address, and phone number.
- Identifying information about an entire library's collection, including every book the library owns.
- I don't know.

11. What is the **best** option when your library does not own a particular book or journal?

- Ask about Interlibrary Loan (ILL) or Document Delivery.
- Look for a similar book or journal that your library does own.
- Visit other libraries, until you find the book or journal that you are looking for.
- I don't know.

12. Your professor asked you to find the following resource. Based on the following, are you looking for a book, journal article, or website?

Smith, A.B., Jones, C.D., & Tyler, S.M. Dentistry in the year 2007. *Dental Highlights*, 8(7), 67-77.

- Book
- Journal Article
- Website
- I don't know.

13. Your professor asked you to find the following resource. Based on the following, are you looking for a book, journal article, or website?

Jones, R.A. (2007). *Dentistry basics*. Pittsburgh: Dentistry Publishers.

- Book
- Journal Article
- Website
- I don't know.

14. Which of the following statements is **TRUE**:

- All Internet websites go through a formal evaluation process that determines whether they are credible or not.
- You can trust the Internet, because every website is updated at least once per year.
- It is important to carefully evaluate every website you visit, because quality differs.
- I don't know.

15. If you wanted to check-out a library book, return a library book, or ask about a library fine, the **best** place to visit in the library would be the:

- circulation desk.
- reference desk.
- computer help desk.
- I don't know.