



Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association

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MHSLA POSITION STATEMENT

The MLA Ethics Task Force has drafted a code of ethics for health sciences librarians.

The Goals and Principles for Ethical Conduct states:

The health sciences librarian believes that knowledge is the sine qua non of informed decisions in health care, education, and research, and the health sciences librarian serves society, clients, and the institution by working to ensure that informed decisions can be made.

The question that came before the committee is how to proceed when professional information is requested from hospitals who have not made the commitment to staff or fund a library service in their organizations.

The following statement was proposed and accepted by the MHSLA Board:

When a health science library is asked to do a search or supply copies of medical articles to hospitals who have no library or librarian, it is appropriate to charge the normal rates.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Glenda J Evans'.

Glenda J Evans,
Ad Hoc Ethics/Liability Committee
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