



## **PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION RETRIEVAL AND EVALUATION SERVICE**

**SPECIALIZING IN:**      **Drug Information**  
                                 **Clinical Pharmaceutics**  
                                 **Outcome Documentation**

The University of Iowa, College of Pharmacy, Division of Drug Information Service, offers a retrieval and evaluation service for the pharmaceutical industry, legal and insurance organizations and individuals. We address specific needs for detailed information about an individual medications, a group of medications, drug therapy for treatment or prevention of a specific disease, or other questions about the therapeutic or clinical pharmaceutical use of medications. Service is customized and may include all or some of the following:

- consultation to determine and clearly define the specific information need,
- a search of the appropriate drug and medical literature databases to find the best available evidence to address the information need,
- retrieval of the appropriate documents,
- evaluation of the evidence,
- and a synthesis to provide an evidence-based conclusion.

Pharmacists with advanced training and experience in literature retrieval and evaluation provide the service.

**Inquires:** Upon inquiry, a pharmacist will spend up to one-half hour with the requester to determine their information need and if the service will benefit the requester. Upon determination that the service would be of benefit to the requester, the pharmacist will explain the nature and terms of the service, and if accepted by the requester, the pharmacist will prepare a written quotation of the service to be provided and the associated fees. This quotation will be provided to the requester to sign and return to confirm their agreement to the terms of the service and to guarantee payment.

**Fees:** The base fee for this service will be a minimum of \$280. The service will be billed at a rate of \$185 per hour and will be billed in increments of one-fourth hour. If the billable hours are less than 1.5 hours, the minimum fee of \$280 will apply. An estimate of the number of hours to complete the service will be provided to the requester prior to beginning the work. After the work has begun, if it appears that the time to complete the service will exceed the original estimate by more than 25%, the requester will be contacted to provide authorization for payment for the additional amount.

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