

Tracking Where Institutional Authors Publish



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Objective: Medical school administrators are seeking ways to measure faculty productivity and benchmark against peer institutions. One traditional measure of faculty productivity has been publications. The Library, in conjunction with the Dean's office, began a project of identifying in which journals faculty publish and benchmarking against peer institutions for selected journal titles in each field.

Methods: The Library selected the ISI citation indexes, since they allow for searching by institutional affiliation. Initial strategies were developed for identifying all permutations of the institutional name and affiliation in the databases. The search strategies were run against three complete years of the literature. The results were placed in an EndNote database for screening and further tagging. The plan was to update the database on an annual basis. The next phase of the project was to benchmark publications within specific journal titles against clinical and basic sciences departments at other institutions. In addition to a core list of highly rated scientific and clinical journals, the Library worked with the Vice Dean of Research to identify journal titles in each specialty area. ISI impact factors were used as a starting point, but advice from librarians helped determine the final list.

<u>Results</u>: After running initial searches, changes were made to the strategies for identifying all the variations for institutional listings, and research was conducted on each peer to identify the various designations for comparable departments and divisions. Once the large EndNote database was populated with citations, spreadsheets were generated to provide an overview by department, peers, and journal titles. The deans found the results so useful that they have added a sixth core title to the search for 2004 articles and asked that up to three highly ranked titles be found for each department and division.

<u>Conclusions</u>: Librarians using a standard citation database, such as ISI Web of Science, can provide academic health center administrators with valuable information on faculty productivity. In addition to identifying journal articles produced by institutional authors, search strategies can be used to generate benchmarking data for comparison with peer institutions.

http://www.mclibrary.duke.edu/dukemla05/tracking.pdf

Seeking the Big Game

Finding Institutional Paths...for the Dean

Identifying, analyzing where Duke authors publish
 Monitoring high impact factor publications
 Assessing faculty productivity annually
 Benchmarking with peers

Side trail for the Library *Data for journal cancellation decisions

Studying the Big Safari Trails

Dean's Core Titles

Cell	26.626	12
JAMA-Journal of the		
American Medical		
Association	21.455	53
Nature	30.979	49
New England Journal of		
Medicine	34.833	26
Proceedings of the		
National Academy of		
Sciences of America	10.272	114
Science	29.162	41

Identifying Alternate Pathways



2 to 3 journals per department
Based on ISI impacts factors
Selected by librarians
Eliminated – annuals, reviews, trends, advances, surveys

Dealing with the Wild Citations

Changing Hunting Strategies

♦Variations in the institutional name
>Duke, Durham, DUMC, DUH, DUHS

*Reviewing citations for accuracy



Identifying the Wildlife

*Searching for peers' publications

- > 5 institutions selected by Dean
- *Searching on variations
- Institution name, affiliates, departmental variations

Keeping Them Captive

- * Building an EndNote database
- *Sorting by department, title, author



