When Mergers Happen: Doubling Tripling Your Institutional Repository’s Scope Overnight

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Who Are We?

• Aurora Health Care in Wisconsin and Advocate Health Care in Illinois merged into Advocate Aurora Health in 2018

• 26 hospitals, 500+ sites of care, and 75,000+ employees

• Aurora Health Care implemented Digital Commons in 2013, added SelectedWorks two years later

• Expansion of repository to include Advocate content began in Summer 2020
Stakeholder Relationships
Instrumental in securing support for expanding repository

Aurora Graduate Medical Education

Residency programs
- Family Medicine
- Rural Family Medicine
- OB/GYN
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Interventional Radiology
- Internal Medicine
- Transitional Year

Fellowship programs
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Gastroenterology
- Electrophysiology
- Geriatric Medicine
- Heart Failure & Transplant
- Hospice & Palliative
- Interventional Cardiology
- Hematology Oncology
- Complex General Surgical Oncology
- Undersea & Hyperbaric Medicine

Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews (JPCRR)

Advocate Aurora Library
Scaling up. Way up.

18 GME programs → 47 GME programs
169 residents/fellows → 750 residents/fellows
~270 annual PubMed citations → ~700 annual PubMed citations
Laying Some Groundwork

- Redesigned repository site and JPCRR with merged organization branding
- Limited Advocate content to 2020 and going forward, for now
Understanding Advocate GME

- Parallel programs by site, not system
- Only flagging GME content if that program has contacted us
- Naming conventions that worked with Aurora GME started to get convoluted with parallel Advocate programs
Staffing Changes

• Previous staff included one IR manager and one library assistant – neither fully devoted to repository

• Our workflow already relied heavily on PubMed integration with Digital Commons – PMID import tool

• After merger, we trained two additional librarians to help with PMID imports
Workflow Changes

- Figured out all possible Advocate affiliations for additional database alerts (PubMed, Medline, CINAHL)
- Implemented submission process for GME coordinators and authors
- Restructure publication series to accommodate increase in GME programs as well as adding submission-only series
Budgeting and Contract

- Vendor cost increased because of additional FTE of merged organization, but only one legacy institution had an existing IR budget

- Impact on other budgeted items to pay for the increase

- Hindsight is 20/20: Step up pricing models?
Outreach Efforts

- Library Director presented on IR at system level GME meeting
- IR-specific articles for monthly GME newsletters
- Set up monthly impact dashboards by GME program
- Word of mouth continues to be the most impactful, so maintain relationships!

Last Month Downloads for Aurora Family Medicine Residents - Milwaukee

Aurora Family Medicine Residents - Milwaukee in Advocate Aurora Health had 723 downloads from 14 countries in the Last Month.

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Looking Ahead

• Incorporating PubMed harvesting into our ingestion workflow to decrease amount of staff time spent on data entry

• Adding Advocate content prior to 2020 as an added value

• Adding legacy Advocate historical content from some of our Chicago-area hospitals
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