On action in a pharmaceutical library

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In an environmental change surrounding medical care in society, a pharmacist has to offer the drug information that a patient can understand easily. In response to the demand, the pharmacist training education by six years system began in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2006. A support system for information needs of community pharmacy is indispensable by cooperation of library with the Faculty.

Each librarian must improve their specialty as a profession and help the new education system. I investigated for members of the Sapporo and Hokkaido Society of Hospital Pharmacists in 2006 for the purpose of examining "the way of information offering in a library of pharmaceutical university". The investigation mainly consists of "understanding information needs of the pharmacists", "the use situation of databases", "the obstacles in information acquisition" etc. As a result of the investigation, it was found that they were uncertain of information acquisition by database search and they were dissatisfied with the cost and the time that take to obtain documents. Besides, there were a lot of requests for university library such as remote use system and more PR for users.

Standing on the result, at this symposium, I report about the disturbance when a pharmacist wants to get drug information and on action and possibility to realize the service that library of pharmaceutical university should offer.