

Getting the best from the MI workbook and MiCAL

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Introduction – Focus Your Minds!

- **What do you want to get out of your time in Medicines Information?**
 - **Focussed aims of rotation**
 - **Tutors/MI pharmacists**
- **How can the workbook and MiCAL help?**
 - **Individual workbook**
 - **Departmental MiCAL**



Aims and Objectives

- Learn how to use information resources effectively
- Learn how to answer enquiries
- Work towards relevant performance standards
- Evaluate information
- Appreciate the legal and ethical issues surrounding provision of advice and information
- Understand the roles of the MI service



How can the workbook and MiCAL help?

- Provide structured, complementary training framework
- Link to performance standards
- Transferable evidence of training and progress



Workbook

- Background information
- Basic skills training
- Tutorials on common enquiry types
- Sections 1-7

MiCAL

- Computer aided learning package
- Complements workbook
- Provides worked examples



Working together

Workbook

- Introduction to Mi
- Enquiry answering
- Sources of information
- Ethical dilemmas
- Critical appraisal
- Tutorials

MICAL

- Introduction to Mi
- Writing skills
- Information resources
- Ethical issues
- Critical appraisal
- Example enquiries



Summary

- Identify what you want to achieve
- Work with tutor and MI pharmacist
- Workbook and MiCAL tools to enable you to get the most out of MI training
- No substitute for the real thing
- Have fun!