

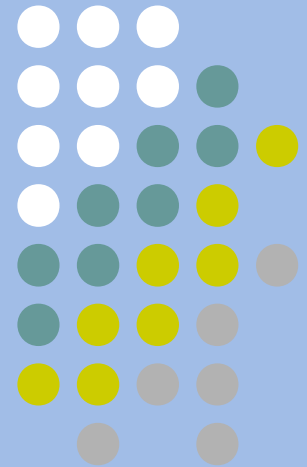
# An Appalling Vista

(Or What do you do when your GM tells you to cancel all the Hospital's print journals?)

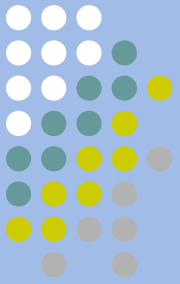
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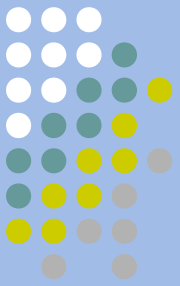
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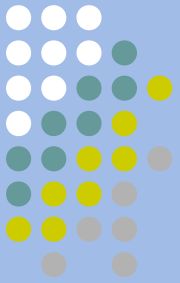
# Downward spiral



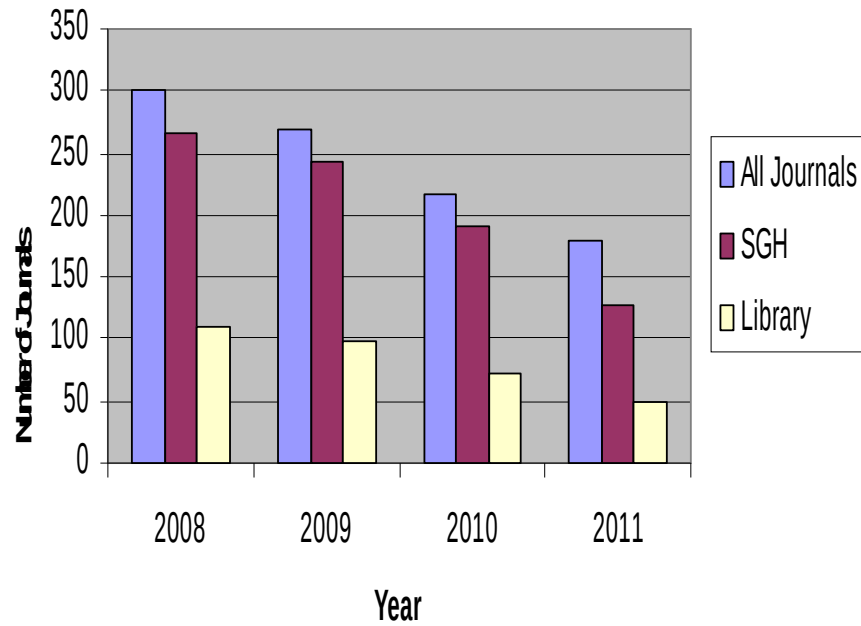
# Warning bells



# Further reductions

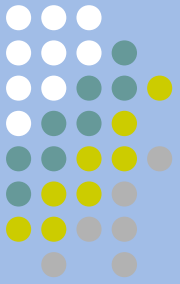


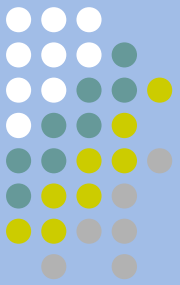
Print journal subscriptions



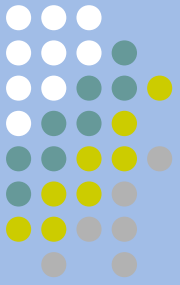
	SGH	Library
2008	267	111
2009	244	97
2010	192	72
2011	128	49

# Strategies

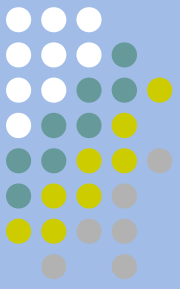




# More questions



- Do clinicians read journals?
- How do clinicians read?
- How should clinicians read?
- Do they need access to the whole journal (just in case) or just the article relevant to their need at the time? (just in time)



# Reading – two types

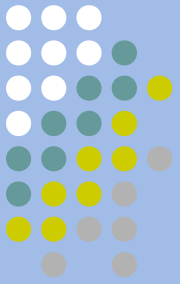


- Evidence Based Practice
  - Focused on a question
  - Driven reading
  - Problem based reading
  - Foreground question reading
  - At the point of care



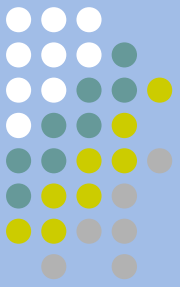


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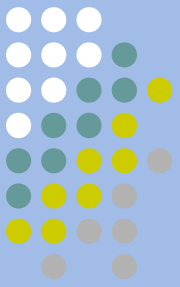
- Traditional
  - Patient based but less focused
  - Background reading – keeping abreast
  - “reading for the heck of it”
  - Broader in scope
  - At home

# Evidence Based Practice



- Best evidence
- Clinical expertise
- Patient values

“We read to know we are not alone”



# To fight or not to fight?

