





# Collaboration in grand round: a clinical librarian's experience

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# Clinical Informationist

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- ❑ Medical librarian as a new member of clinical team



# Problem ?

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# Solution

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- ❑ A Clinical Informationist can bridge the gap between clinical services and information services.

# The process of involving CI in clinical setting

## medical librarian

- Clinical Librarian
- Hospital librarian
- Clinical informationist
- Information Specialist
- Health science librarian
- Embedded Librarian
- Bioinformationist
- Liaison Librarian

## join the patient care team

- Grand round
- Ward round
- Morning report
- Journal club

## CI roles

- Taking search request
- Perceive information needs
- Searching in databases
- Contributing to guidelines, case reports
- Other study types
- Teaching databases

**My experience in Alzahra grand round  
(GI department)**



# Action research steps

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**Step 1: Identify the problem**

**Step 2: Plan for action**

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**Step 4: Evaluation**

**Step 5: Identify learning and plan for the future**

# Concepts

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- Grand round**
- Clinical question**
- Concept map**
- Databases & other resources**

# Grand round

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**A formal meeting in which physicians discuss rare and complex cases.**

- **to enhance clinical reasoning skills**
- **an integral component of medical education**

# Clinical question types

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- Background questions: Causes of GI bleeding/ Clinical manifestations of cirrhosis
- Foreground questions: PICO

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In a 72 YO woman with osteoarthritis of knee, can Cox-2 inhibitor use decrease the risk of GI bleeding compared with other NSAIDs?

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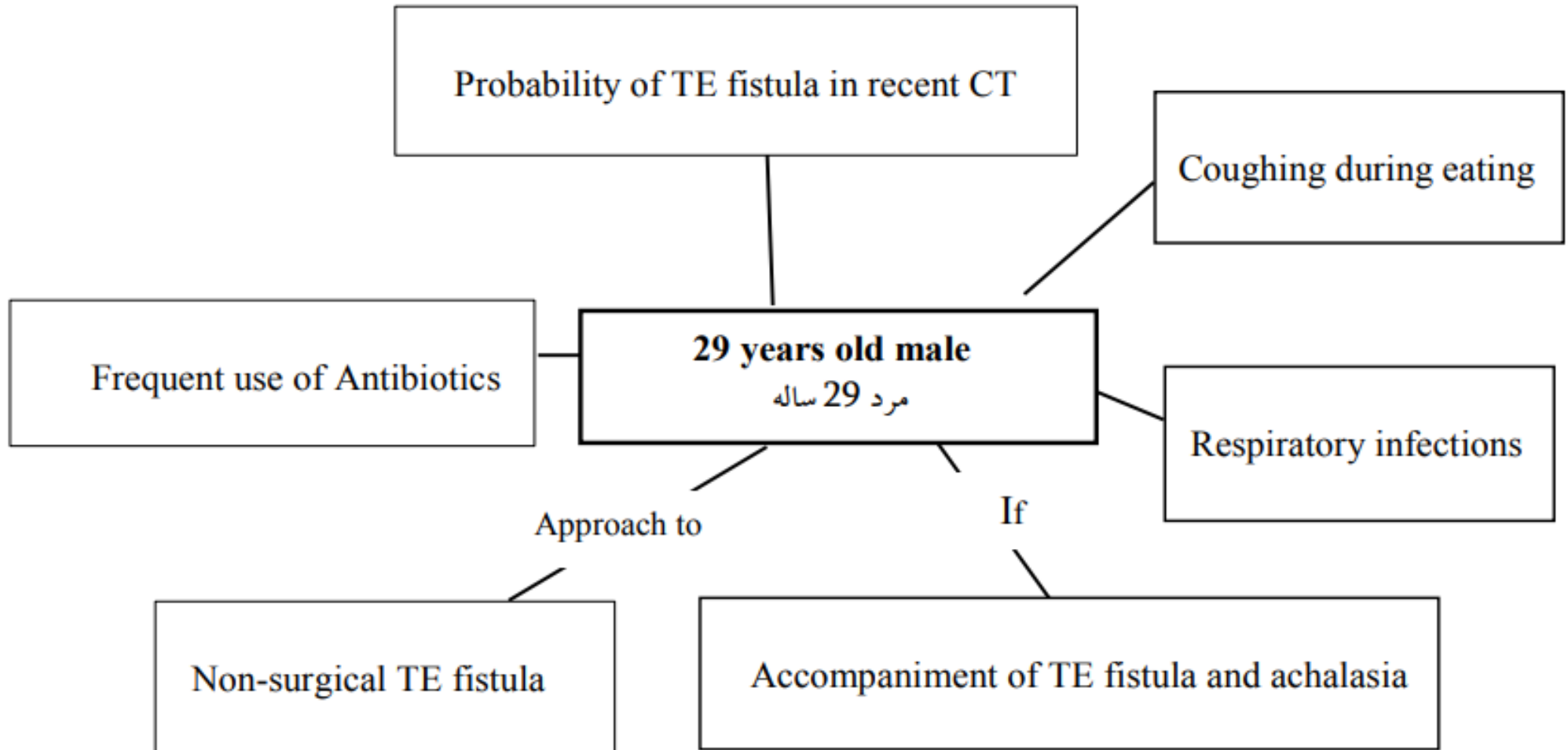
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# Concept map

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- **A Conceptual diagram that depicts suggested relationships between concepts.**

آقای ۲۹ ساله مبتلا به عفونت تنفسی و سرفه هنگام غذا خوردن است که به طور مکرر از آنتی بیوتیک استفاده می کرده و در نمونه عکسبرداری وی احتمال فیستول ناحیه مری تشخیص داده شده است. سؤال این است که آیا امکان همراهی فیستول مری و آشالازی به صورت همزمان وجود دارد و اینکه رویکرد غیر جراحی به آن شامل چه مواردی است؟



# Concept map benefits

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- Research**
- Education**
- Diagnosis and treatment (Improve clinical learning & clinical reasoning)**

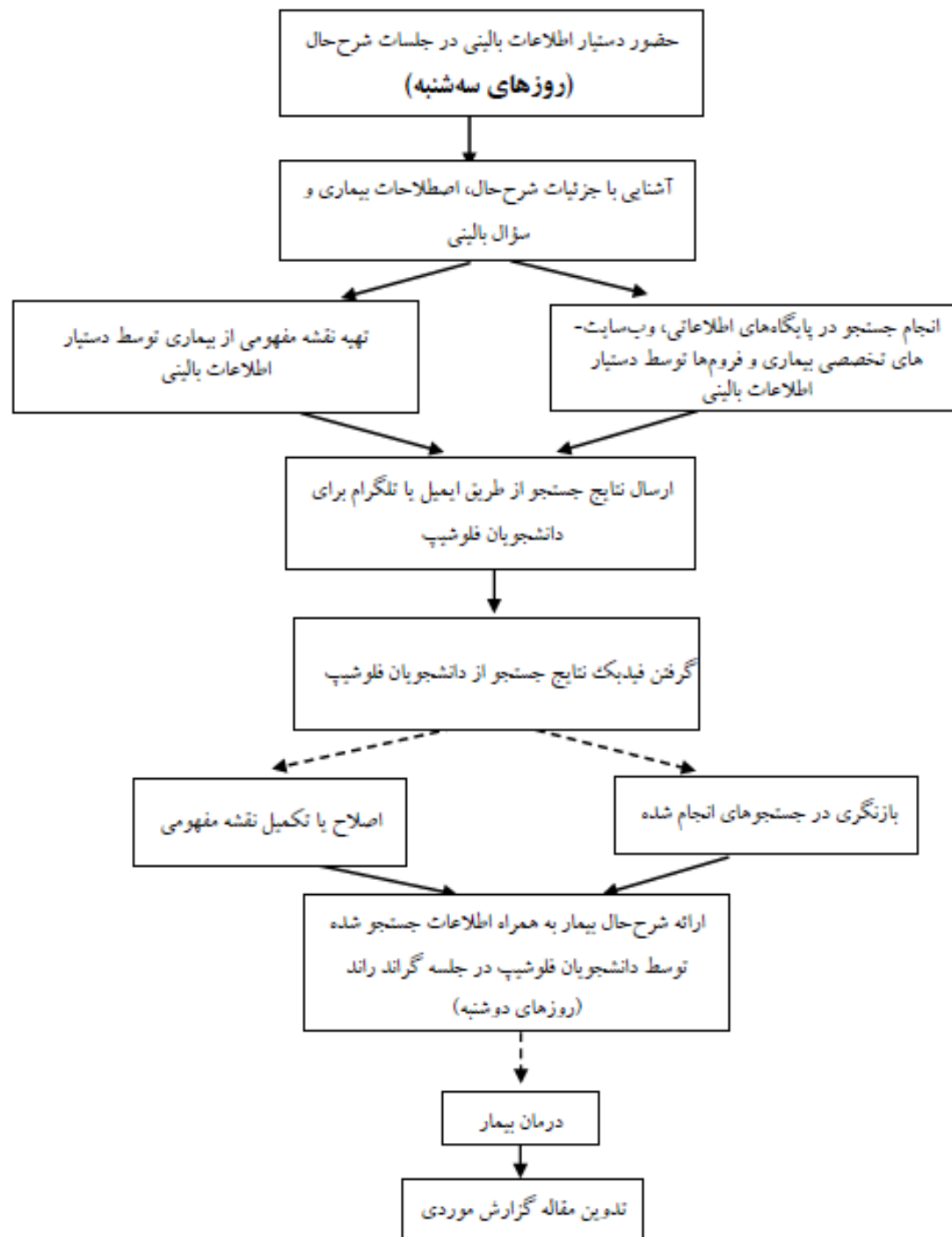
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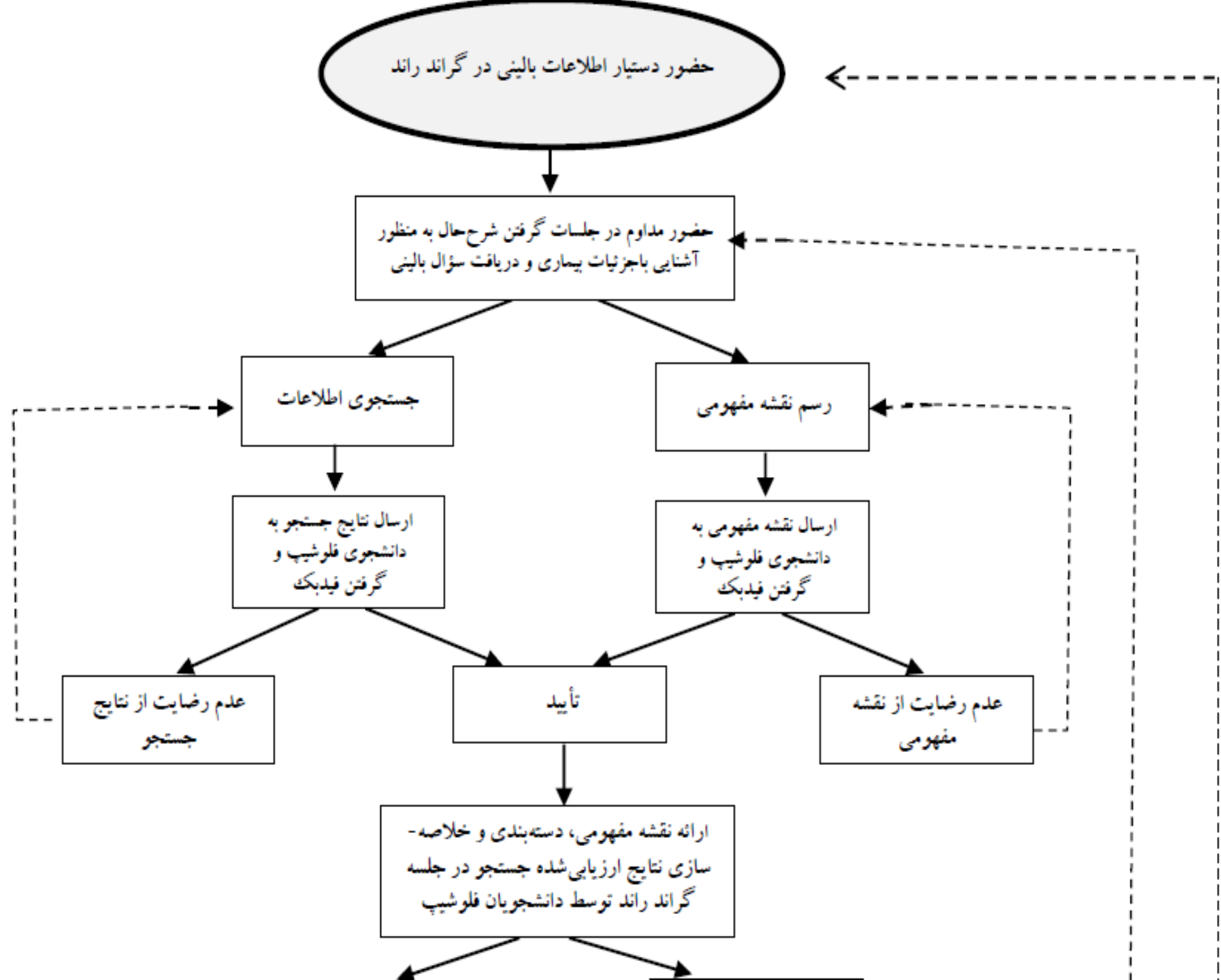
ردیف	نام منبع	آدرس	توضیحات
1.	<b>NORD</b> (National Organization for Rare Disorders)	<i>rarediseases.org/</i>	این سایت که مخصوص بیماران نادر و مربوط به آمریکا است در پایان توضیح هر بیماری سایت‌های تخصصی مرتبط با آن را نیز به منظور کسب اطلاعات بیشتر پیشنهاد می‌دهد.
2.	<b>GARD</b> (Genetic And Rare Diseases information center)	<i>rarediseases.info.nih.gov/GARD/</i>	این مرکز نیز مانند NORD از طریق هایپرلینک کاربر را به دیگر سایت‌های تخصصی مربوط به بیماری مورد جستجوی کاربر متصل می‌کند.
3.	<b>Merck Manuals Online Medical Library</b>	<i>merckmanuals.com/home/</i>	
4.	<b>AAFP</b> (American Academy of Family Physicians)	<i>aafp.org/home.html</i>	
5.	<b>NTPR</b> (National Transplant Pregnancy Registry)	<i>ntpr.giftoflifeinstitute.org/</i>	
6.	<b>MedHelp.org</b> (Rare disease help: Forums and discussions)	<i>medhelp.org/</i>	
7.	<b>Treato.com</b> (include patient's experiences)	<i>treato.com/</i>	
8.	<b>Clinicaltrials.gov</b>	<i>Clinicaltrials.gov</i>	منبعی که دسترسی آسان به اطلاعات مربوط به مطالعات بالینی انجام شده یا در حال اجرا را در اختیار بیماران، خانواده آن‌ها، متخصصان سلامت، محققان و عموم مردم قرار می‌دهد.

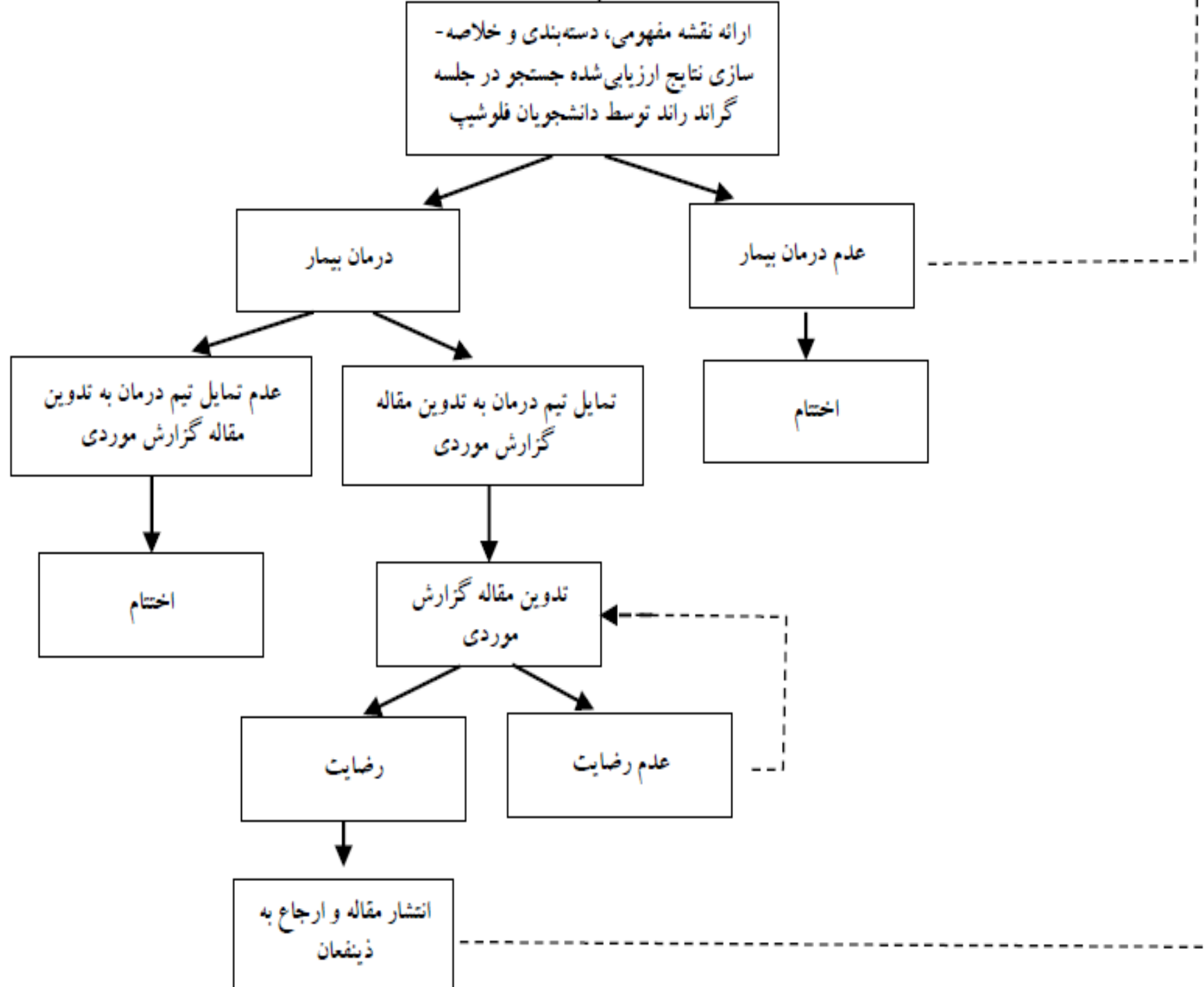


# Step 3:

## Action







**“ For Librarians ”**

# **In the beginning of Involving in clinical setting**

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**An environment with many of specialists (attending physicians and fellowship students)**

- What is grand round?
- Who is an attending physician?
- Who is a fellowship student?
- Familiarity with the environment (medical team members, different rounds, .....

# **In the beginning of Involving in clinical setting**

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## **Different people with variety of behaviors**

- ✓ knowing how to communicate with each of them according to their personality

# During grand round sessions

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## Many medical terms and acronyms

- ✓ Advanced English language
- ✓ Reviewing common terminology of each field
- ✓ Asking medical team members
- ✓ Searching them after encountering

## In general :

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English and Medical language is the most essential requirement for a CI



# During grand round sessions

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**The name of different disease**

- ✓ Basic medical knowledge

# **During/ after grand round sessions**

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## **Searching in medical databases and other resources**

- ✓ knowing medical databases
- ✓ different types of clinical questions
- ✓ advanced search

# **During/ after grand round sessions**

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## **Sending the search result**

- ✓ Summarizing skill

## **Track the search result**

- ✓ Different ways according to personality of each medical member
- ✓ Revise the results (if needed)

# Output

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## **Case report article**

- ✓ Different parts of a case report article
- ✓ Different ways to publish a case

# General required skills

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- Technology and computer skills
- Teaching ability
- Academic writing
- reference management software
- Journal indicators
- Hijack journals
- Checking for plagiarism

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