



Australian Library and  
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## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HEALTH LIBRARIES INC (HLI) AND THE AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION (ALIA)/HEALTH LIBRARIES AUSTRALIA (HLA)**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this document is to set out the structure of the relationship between Health Libraries Inc (HLI) and the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), which includes Health Libraries Australia (HLA).

### **Background**

The Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) is the professional association and peak body for the Australian library and information services sector. It represents the interests of 5,200 members and seeks to empower the profession in the development, promotion and delivery of quality library and information services to the nation, through leadership, advocacy and mutual support.

Health Libraries Australia (HLA) is the national ALIA Group, representing librarians and information professionals working in all health sectors. The vision of Health Libraries Australia is that all Australians benefit from health library and information professionals' expertise, which is integral to evidence-based health care. HLA undertakes strategic initiatives in five key areas (portfolios): professional development, education and training; demonstrating value (awards, research, marketing, advocacy); partnerships and collaborations; publishing and communication, and membership.

Health Libraries Inc (HLI) is a dynamic group of information professionals committed to health information provision, resource sharing, professional development, consortia implementation and relevance to the Victorian community that we serve.

### **Mutual goals**

This arrangement is designed to promote our common interests:

- Information-sharing between library and information professionals in the health sector.
- Keeping health library and information professionals informed about the latest developments relating to library and information science.
- Providing opportunities for health library and information professionals to discuss issues affecting the sector and to network with their peers.
- Promoting the value and impact of the work of health library and information professionals employed in the health sector.

## Agreement

- We will endeavour to include all parties in discussions of any topics of mutual interest.
- We will consider joint action on issues affecting the health library and information sector.
- We will participate in the development of services and products that benefit all members (each organisation bearing sole financial responsibility for its activities).
- We will promote to our respective memberships collaborative professional development activities relevant to health librarianship.

Functional responsibility for the relationship and for communication will be between the President of HLI, the CEO of ALIA and the Convenor of Health Libraries Australia (HLA).

This Agreement will be reviewed after it has been in place for three years from the date of signing.

We, on behalf of the members of our organisations, agree to these terms and by signing this document signal our commitment to developing and maintaining a close working relationship between HLI and ALIA/HLA.

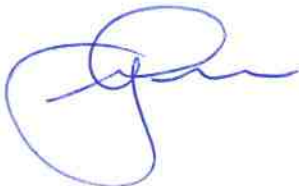
**HLI President**

**ALIA President**

**Health Libraries Inc**

**Australian Library and Information Association**

**Signed:**



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**Dated:**

13 April 2015

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30 March 2015