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Learning Objectives

- After completing this one-hour lecture on "History of Drug Information", the student will be able to:
 - Describe the history of drug information practice
 - Describe the growth of drug information centers
 - Identify the various practice settings for drug information specialists
 - Discuss future directions and career opportunities in drug information

What is Drug Information?



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- · develop evidence-based recommendations
- · improve patient outcomes

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"No physician, pharmacist, nurse, dentist, or veterinarian would disagree...that the drug literature is indeed vast, complex and rapidly expanding, that its effective use by the practitioner offers many difficulties, and that there is no simple or single solution to the complex of problems. By the same token, no professionally oriented pharmacist can ignore the tremendous opportunity and responsibility which pharmacy must accept in the interprofessional struggle for effective solutions."

- Charles A Walton