

CASE STUDY

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Marialaura Martinico, Scientific Documentalist At Various Institutions

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## SUMMARY

Marialaura Martinico is a scientific documentalist. She takes care of people who need to be supported with scientific literature and educates those who need to learn more about searching for information.

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## 3 THINGS YOU LIKE ABOUT EMBASE

1. The easy-to-perform searches, especially for drug-related information
2. The combination of “Journals/ Browse Journals” with advanced searches
3. The “Search Results/Order Documents” feature

### How long have you been a scientific documentalist?

I was a scientific documentalist at pharmaceutical companies for 7 1/2 years before transferring to work for a consortium of biomedical hospital libraries. I’ve been there for 4 years.

### What is the focus of your work?

It’s my job to support my colleagues with information, data, and even training. I search databases for information that my colleagues need, and I make sure that they are up-to-date with new developments. I perform training so that my colleagues can also find information on their own. Finally, I’m responsible for the library – buying and organizing electronic and paper resources for the company.

### What inspires and motivates you?

Cooperating with my colleagues can be very inspirational. When I can give them the right and proper answer in as little time as possible – that’s when I feel best.

### What keeps you awake at night?

Locating the right information and being able to deliver it quickly and efficiently to my requestors. Thinking about what resources can best serve my requestors.

### How does Embase support you?

I use Embase when I want to be sure that I’ve checked all the scientific literature I can for information on a given drug. I mainly use it for drug-related searches because that’s a key area of focus for my colleagues. Embase is an excellent and complete database for professionals who need drug and other biomedical information, so I know that an Embase search has covered all the bases.

### Would you recommend Embase to your colleagues?

I would. Embase is essential for a good, exhaustive search. It’s a single database with all the resources I need, and it makes my whole job more straightforward.