Abstract: The next generation of clinical information systems will integrate information from diverse resources including clinical, genomic and public health systems. These systems will be based on standardized patient data, advanced network technologies, new models of knowledge representation and will support innovative clinical research. Librarians will make significant contributions to the development, implementation and ultimately, to the success of the systems.

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