Class 2: History and Major Trends in Health Care

To better understand:
- the broader context and discussion
- the choices and consequences faced by consumers and clinicians
- health services research questions
- health science library community

Major Canadian players
- Health Canada
- Provincial Ministries of Health
- Provincial cabinets
- Medical Associations
- Nurse's Associations
- Health care industry
  - Pharmaceutical Companies
- Canadian Institutes for Health Research
- Consumer groups
International trends: macro

- Social commitment
- Incrementalism
- Funding formulas
- Informatics
- Pharmaceuticals
- Quality
- Community care

International trends: mezzo

- Regionalization
- Integration
- Accountability
- Autonomy
- Consumers
- Disease management
- Changing mix of public and private

Recent recommendations

- Determinants of health / Population health
- Primary health care reform
- Information technology
- Aboriginal health
- Evidence based
- Accountability
- Patient focus
- Public / private mix
- Human resources
Healthcare libraries
- CISTI
  - Canadian Institute for Scientific and Technical Information
  - located in Ottawa
  - national resource for scientific information (including medical)
  - provides document delivery internationally, CISTISource
  - cooperates with NLM

NLM (National Library of Medicine)
- located in Bethesda, MD
- national resource for medical resources
- PubMed interface; MEDLINE, MEDLINEPlus, & others
- international document delivery/reference assistance
- grants, funding for hospital libraries/librarians
- Librarian Fellowship Program

Health Library Associations
- CHLA - Canadian Health Libraries Association
- web: www.chla-absc.ca
- annual conference
- publication - BMC
- local chapters:
  - Toronto Health Libraries Assoc. (THLA)
MLA - Medical Libraries Association
- web: www.mlanet.org
- annual conference
- publications: JMLA, MLA News - has job listings
- combined state chapters:
  - UNYOC - Upstate New York & Ontario Chapter