Nursing Resources for Research

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Learning Objectives

• review research resources
• review effective strategies for searching and accessing nursing resources
• live demo
Research resources

- Books
- Databases of journal articles

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![EBSCO](image)

![Nursing Center](image)

![Bookshelf](image)
Why not Google?

- Anyone can publish anything on the Internet
- Millions and millions of hits
  - Which are accurate and valid?
  - Requires your time to evaluate
- Does not include information found in library databases of **scholarly journals**
Databases are key

- Premium online subscription information resources
- Online collections of journal and newspaper articles, scholarly information from published works
- Searchable
- Often contain full-text articles
How to start?

- Put the problem in the form of a question
- Search
- Examine your results
- Revise your search question if needed
Question-based literature review strategy

What is the problem?
“Old folks fall down a lot.”

What is the question?
“Are there any interventions that can be used to prevent falls in elderly people?”

What are the question’s concepts?
1: intervention
2: prevention
3: elderly
4: falls
General Rule

Start big
then
narrow down

Is the reason for 0 results because there is nothing in the ______ database
or
(more likely)
were the wrong words used?
# Other Resources

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Review

- Search databases (not Google)
- Overview of nursing resources
- Turn problem into question
- On to the live demo!!!
Thank you

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