Learning Objectives

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

• Books

• Databases of journal articles
Why not Google?

• Anyone can publish anything on the Internet
• You must evaluate Google search results and determine what information is valid
• A Google search does not include information found in databases
Databases are key

- Premium online subscription information resources
- Online collections of journal and newspaper articles, 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?
“Children with autism are difficult to treat and their parents are weird/demanding.”

What is the question?
“Are there unique orientation, patient education, & treatment information needs of the child and family impacted by autism?”

What are the question’s concepts?
1: autism  
2: information  
3: patient education  
4: treatment
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?
Examples

**Medline**
Autistic disorder

**CINAHL**
Autism, Asperger, Pervasive Developmental Disorder

What are the available **limits**?
## Other Resources

### Library Databases
- CINAHL
- Medline
- Nursing Center
- ProQuest Health & Medical Complete
- ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source
- PubMed

*<this list is found under Nursing in library databases by subject>*

### Search Engines & Sites
- Nursing Portal
  <www.nursing-portal.com>
- Searchingmed.com
  <www.searchingmed.com>
- Medscape
  <www.medscape.com>
• Overview of nursing resources
• Turn problem into question
• Search databases (not Google)
• On to the live demo!!!
Thank you

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