Brief Guide to Nursing Resources

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Learning Objectives

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

- Books
- Databases of journal articles
on the Internet
nobody knows you're a dog
Why not Google?

• Time factors
  – Determine authority
  – Evaluate search results to determine what information is valid

• No 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?
“People recently told they have high blood pressure are difficult and irritable.”

What is the question?
“Are there unique orientation, patient education, & treatment information needs of the patient diagnosed with hypertension?”

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

**High blood pressure**

Hypertension

**Autism**

Autism, Asperger, Pervasive Developmental Disorder
Other Resources
Nursing and Health Library Guide

The Nursing and Health Library Guide contains links to a wide variety of nursing and health research resources, library and reference materials, database articles, web sites, news links, and information on APA citation style.

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URL: http://libraryguides.msmc.edu/nursing_general
Print Guide
RSS Updates

Search the collection

Search for library books, DVDs, etc.

Keyword

Search

Click here for the newest nursing arrivals at the Library!

The Library of Congress classification section for nursing, medicine and health is R. Also note:

Find Articles Using Databases

CINAHL Complete (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)
Contains full text for more than 1,300 journals indexed in CINAHL. CINAHL Complete is considered the definitive research tool for all areas of nursing and allied health literature. Subject coverage includes nursing, biomedicine, health sciences librarianship, alternative/complementary medicine and consumer health.

Focus Medica Health Animation Collection
Features content from two major multi-media reference works, the Animated Medical and Health Dictionary and the Animated Dictionary of Cardiology. The collection provides an engaging visual research experience. *To search this collection, type your topic into the search field. On the next page, next to Continue searching in, click on the drop-down menu to search this collection.

Ask A Librarian

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Contact Info
Systems and Catalog Services Librarian
Are you doing research?
Why not sign up for a research appointment with one of our librarians?

Focus your research topic.
Develop effective search strategies.
Find relevant books, articles and websites.
Evaluate and use information.
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

One-on-One Research Assistance

One-on-one research assistance can speed up the research process or shorten the learning curve for students and faculty alike!

- Get help with in-depth or complex research projects.
- Learn what resources are available in your field.
- Find out which research databases are best for your subject.
- Learn how to use sophisticated database features.

If you're trying to accomplish any of these, you can benefit from a personalized research consultation. One of the MSMC librarians will prepare in advance and then schedule a time to review your project with you. To request an appointment, submit the form below. You may also schedule a research consultation in person at the Information Desk (on the 1st floor) or by calling 845-569-3299.

Please provide as much information about your assignment/project/objective as possible. This will help us prepare for our meeting with you.

Please note that research consultations are available to current Mount Saint Mary College students, faculty, and staff only.

To ask a short, factual question, use our Quick Answers by Email service.

One-on-One Research Assistance

Name: ____________________________
DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE YOUR ASSIGNMENT IS DUE TO CONTACT YOUR LIBRARIAN
Review

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

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