Learning Objectives

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

- Books
- Databases of journal articles

Wilson Web

EBSCO Information Services

ProQuest

PubMed
Why not Google?

- Anyone can publish anything on the Internet
- You must evaluate Google search results and determine what information is valid
- 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**
Which Database?

The question dictates the appropriate database

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How to start?

■ Put the problem in the form of a question
■ Search
■ Examine your results
■ Revise your search question if needed
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
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

CINAHL

Limits

Autism

Peer-review Reviews Protocols

Meta-analysis Research CEUs

Guidelines

- Explore results for patient education concepts
- Cited reference searching
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>
- RightHealth
  <www.righthealth.com>
- Medscape
  <www.medscape.com>
Review

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