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
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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
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

**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>
Review

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

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