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

Images of research resources:
- Books
- ProQuest
- EBSCO
- PubMed
- Wilson Web
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
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

Library Databases

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

Search Engines & Sites

- Nursing Portal <www.nursing-portal.com>
- Searchingmed.com <www.searchingmed.com>
- Medscape <www.medscape.com>

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

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

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