Nursing Resources for Research

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Learning Objectives

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

- Books
- Databases of journal articles

- PubMed
- ProQuest
- Ingham
- EBSCO
- Nursing Center
- Bookshelf
Why not Google?

- Anyone can publish anything on the Internet
- Millions and millions of hits
  - Which are accurate and valid?
  - Requires your time to evaluate
- Does not include information found in library databases of **scholarly journals**
Databases are key

- Premium online subscription information resources
- Online collections of journal and newspaper articles, scholarly 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?
“Old folks fall down a lot.”

What is the question?
“Are there any interventions that can be used to prevent falls in elderly people?”

What are the question’s concepts?
1: intervention
2: prevention
3: elderly
4: falls
Q: “Are there any interventions that can be used to prevent falls in elderly people?”

Areas: falls, elderly, prevention, intervention

Databases: Nursing, Medical
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**
- Nursing Center
- ProQuest Nursing and Allied Health Resource
- Health Source Nursing/Academic edition

**Search Engines & Sites**
- Medstory
  <www.medstory.com>
- Virginia Henderson Nursing Library
  <www.nursinglibrary.org/portal/main.aspx>
- Open Access Journals
  <www.doaj.org/doaj?func=subject&cpid=23>
- Medscape
  <www.medscape.com>
Review

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