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

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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
Nursing and Health Library Guide

Find Articles Using Databases

CINAHL with Full Text (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)
Contains full text for many of the most used journals in the CINAHL index. CINAHL with Full Text 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.

Health Reference Center Academic
Provides access to full-text peer-reviewed journals and other periodicals on many medical disciplines, with emphasis on nursing and allied health.

Health Source Nursing/Academic Edition
Provides access to full-text peer-reviewed journals and other periodicals on many medical disciplines, with emphasis on nursing and allied health.

LexisNexis Academic
Provides full-text documents from news, business, legal, medical, and reference publications with a variety of flexible search options.
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?
“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
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?
# 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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