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
Why not Google?

- Anyone can publish anything on the Internet
- Google search does not include information found in databases
  - Misses EBSCO
  - Misses ProQuest
  - Misses Wilson and other library 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
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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
**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
Q: “Are there unique orientation, patient education, & treatment information needs of the child and family impacted by autism?”

Areas: Health related, Children, Psychiatric

Databases: Nursing, Medical, Education
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

Nursing & Allied Health ---- autism
Limits Scholarly dates

ProQuest

Advanced Search

autism
AND patient education
AND

Tools: Search Tips Browse Topics

Database: Medical Sciences - ProQuest Health and Medical Complete

Date range: All dates

Limit results to: Full text documents only

Scholarly journals, including peer-reviewed

Search Clear

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Examples

**Medline**
Autistic disorder

**CINAHL**
Autism, Asperger, Pervasive Developmental Disorder

What are the available limits?
Other Resources

**Library Databases**
- CINAHL
- HealthSource
- Medline
- Nursing Center
- ProQuest Health & Medical Complete
- PubMed
- Wilson Select Plus

*<list found under Nursing in library databases by subject>*

**Search Engines & Sites**
- Medstory
  <www.medstory.com>
- MedlinePlus
  <medlineplus.gov>
- RightHealth
  <www.righthealth.com>
- Relemed
  <www.relemed.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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