Learning Objectives

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

- Books
- Databases of journal articles

[Images of research resources logos]
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 information resources
  – journal and newspaper articles
  – scholarly information from published works
• Searchable
• Often contain full-text articles
Over Here

No, this way
Nursing and Health Library Guide

The Nursing and Health Library Guide contains links to a wide variety of nursing and health research resources, library and reference materials, database articles, web sites, news links, and information on APA citation style.

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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.

Medline
Contains citations and abstracts covering a broad range of medical topics relating to research, clinical practice, administration, policy issues, and health care services. Produced by the U.S. National Library of Medicine, MEDLINE contains freely accessible published...
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?
“I need some research stuff on kids and handwashing.”

What is the question?
“Are there any evidence-based research studies on the benefits of teaching handwashing to children?”

What are the question’s concepts?
1: handwashing 2: children
3: research 4: evidence-based
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
• Healthy People
  www.healthypeople.gov>
• Medscape
  <www.medscape.com>
• Search databases (not Google)
• Overview of nursing resources
• Turn problem into question
• On to the live demo!!!
Thank you!

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