Nursing Research Tips and Hints

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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
ON THE INTERNET, NOBODY KNOWS YOU'RE A DOG
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**
Over Here
No, this way
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 Complete (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)**
Contains full text for more than 1,300 journals indexed in CINAHL. CINAHL Complete 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.

**Focus Medica Health Animation Collection**
Features content from two major multi-media reference works, the Animated Medical and Health Dictionary and the Animated Dictionary of Cardiology. The collection provides an engaging visual research experience. *To search this collection, type your topic into the search field. On the next page, next to Continue searching in, click on the drop-down menu to search this collection.*

**Health Reference Center Academic**
A comprehensive database that includes nearly 500 health-related encyclopedias, hundreds of thousands of clinical references, and thousands of educational resources. *To search this collection, type your topic into the search field. On the next page, next to Continue searching in, click on the drop-down menu to search this collection.*

**Ovid@UMN**
Providing access to information from more than 2,000 health sciences and nursing journals, plus over 6,000 books. *To search this collection, type your topic into the search field. On the next page, next to Continue searching in, click on the drop-down menu to search this collection.*

**PsycINFO**
A comprehensive database of psychology literature from 1887 to present. *To search this collection, type your topic into the search field. On the next page, next to Continue searching in, click on the drop-down menu to search this collection.*
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?
“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
No Results Found
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?
Try other terms

Synonyms

• Autism

Words with similar meaning

• Aspergers

• High-blood pressure

• Hypertension

• Cardiac arrest

• Heart attack
Resource for YOUR project

• Healthy People
<www.healthypeople.gov>
Review

• Search databases (not Google)
• Overview of nursing resources
• Turn problem into question
• On to the live demo!!!
"Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one."

Neil Gaiman
Thank you!

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