Brief Guide to Researching Nursing Theorists

Mount Saint Mary College
- review library research resources
- review effective strategies for searching and accessing nursing research resources
- live demo

Learning Objectives
Research resources

- Books
- Databases of journal articles
Did you know.......
• Information available on the Internet is not regulated for quality or accuracy
• Almost anyone can publish anything they want on the Web
• Often difficult to determine authorship of Web sources

Why do you need to evaluate information found on the Internet?
• even if the author is listed, he or she may not always be represented honestly
• the author may represent opinions as fact
• Therefore, the responsibility is on the user to evaluate resources effectively

Why do you need to evaluate information found on the Internet?
Which database to choose?
The question dictates the appropriate database

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What is the problem?
“I need to write a paper on a nursing theorist.”

What is the question?
“What is the background on the theory of human becoming concept of the nursing theorist Rosemarie Parse?”

What are the question’s concepts?
1: caring science concept 2: Rosemarie Parse

Question-based literature review strategy
Q: “What are the main points of Rosemarie Parse’s theory of human becoming concept and how is the concept practiced in nursing?”

Areas: Nursing history, nursing concepts, nursing theory

Databases: Nursing, Medical, Education
General Rule

Start big
then
narrow down

Is the reason for 0 results because there is nothing in this database or (more likely) were the wrong words used?
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• Overview of library research resources
• Avoid Google and other search engines
• Review effective strategies for searching and accessing nursing research resources
• On to the live demo!!!
Thank you

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