Learning Objectives

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

- **Books**
- **Databases of journal articles**

![Bookshelf]

- PubMed
- ProQuest
- Ovid
- EBSCO Information Services
- Nursing Center
- Bookshelf
Why not Google? 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**
Nursing and Health Library Guide

Search the collection

Search for library books, DVDs, etc.

Keyword

Search

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
What is the problem?
“I need to know about Haitian cultural stuff.”

What is the question?
“What is some specific cultural information needed when interacting with the Haitian Americans in regards to medicine and nursing topics?”

What are the question’s concepts?
1: Haitian Americans   2: cultural
3: nursing           4: medical
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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