Learning Objectives

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

- Books
- Databases of journal articles

- PubMed
- ProQuest
- H.W. Wilson
- EBSCO Information Services
- Nursing Center
- Bookshelf
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 online subscription information resources
- Online collections of journal and newspaper articles, scholarly information from published works
- Searchable
- Often contain full-text articles
Which Database?

The question dictates the appropriate database

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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?
“I need to know about Navajo cultural stuff.”

What is the question?
“What is some specific cultural information needed when interacting with the Diné (the Navajo People) in regards to medicine and nursing topics?”

What are the question’s concepts?
1: Navajo  2: cultural
3: nursing  4: medical
Q: “What is some specific cultural information needed when interacting with the Diné (the Navajo People) in regards to medicine and nursing topics?”

Areas: Cross-cultural, native americans, navajo

Databases: Nursing, 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?
Examples

**Medline**

Autistic disorder

**CINAHL**

Autism, Asperger, Pervasive Developmental Disorder

What are the available **limits**?
Other Resources

Library Databases
- Nursing Center
- ProQuest Nursing and Allied Health Resource
- Health Source Nursing/Academic edition

Search Engines & Sites
- Medstory <www.medstory.com>
- 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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