Brief Guide to Nursing Resources for Research
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Learning Objectives

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

- Books
- Databases of journal articles

Wilson Web
EBSCO Information Services
PubMed
ProQuest
Did you know?
You need to evaluate

- 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
Databases are key

- Premium online subscription information resources
- Online collections of journal and newspaper articles, information from published works
- Searchable
- **Often contain full-text articles**
Information ‘Pyramid’

- Journals
- Systemic reviews
- Clinical Practice Guidelines
- primary research articles
- CINAHL, Medline
- Associated websites, textbooks

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?
“Improve community involvement related to influenza prevention.”

What is the question?
“Are there unique orientation, patient education, & other information needs that can be successfully used to improve community involvement in influenza immunization efforts?”

What are the question’s concepts?
1: public health  2: disease prevention (influenza)
3: information  4. community involvement
Q: “Are there unique orientation, patient education, & other information needs that can be successfully used to improve community involvement in influenza immunization efforts?”

Areas: Health related, Community/public health, education, information

Databases: Nursing, Medical, Public Health, Education
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

**CINAHL**

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**Autism**

**Limits**

- Peer-review Reviews
- Protocols
- Meta-analysis Research
- CEUs
- Guidelines

- Explore results for patient education concepts
- Cited reference searching
Examples

**Medline**
Autistic disorder

**CINAHL**
Autism, Asperger, Pervasive Developmental Disorder

What are the available limits?
Medical Databases

- CINAHL
  - Access from library dbs
  - Help available from [http://support.epnet.com/training/tutorials.php](http://support.epnet.com/training/tutorials.php) [check listing under CINAHL]

- Medline
  - Access from library dbs
  - PubMed
Other Resources

Library Databases
- CINAHL
- Medline
- Nursing Center
- ProQuest Health & Medical Complete
- PubMed
- Wilson Select Plus

<this list is found under Nursing in library databases by subject>

Search Engines & Sites
- Medstory
  <www.medstory.com>
- MedlinePlus
  <medlineplus.gov>
- RightHealth
  www.righthealth.com
- Medscape
  <www.medscape.com>
Review

- Overview of nursing resources
- Turn problem into question
- Search databases
- On to the live demo!!!
Thank you
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