Brief Guide to Researching Nursing Theories

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• review library research resources
• review effective strategies for searching and accessing nursing research resources
• live demo
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?
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 theory.”

What is the question?
“What is the story theory in nursing and what are the most pertinent aspects of this theory?”

What are the question’s concepts?
1: nursing theories       2: story theory

Question-based literature review strategy
Q: “What are the main points of the story theory and how are the concepts of this theory practiced in nursing?”

Areas: Nursing, 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
• Use a question to help you formulate your search
• On to the live demo!!!
Thank you

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