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
  - EBSCO
  - CINAHL
  - 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 information resources
  - journal and newspaper articles
  - scholarly information from published works
- Searchable
- Often contain full-text articles
Over Here

No, this way
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 some research stuff on kids and handwashing.”

What is the question?
“Are there any evidence-based research studies on the benefits of teaching handwashing to children?”

What are the question’s concepts?
1: handwashing
2: children
3: research
4: evidence-based
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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