Nursing Resources for Research

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Learning Objectives

• review research resources
• review effective strategies for searching and accessing nursing resources
• live demo (if time is available)
Research resources

• Books

• Databases of journal articles
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
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?
“Old folks fall down a lot.”

What is the question?
“Are there any interventions that can be used to prevent falls in elderly people?”

What are the question’s concepts?
1: intervention
2: prevention
3: elderly
4: falls
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?
Review

• Search databases (not Google)
• Overview of nursing resources
• Turn problem into question
• On to the live demo!!!
Thank you

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