MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY – M. Smith

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING THE QUALITY OF HEALTH INFORMATION

• Currency: How old is the information? At most it should be 5 years old or less --- newer is often better in health and the sciences
• Authority and Accountability: What institution or person is the author? What are their credentials?
• Credibility and Purpose: Is this a well-known publisher, a popular self-help book, or a sales pitch?
• Relevancy, Accuracy and Completeness

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SEARCH THE ARTICLE DATABASES

Library ➔ Research ➔ Article Databases ➔ Combined Database Search

OR

Library ➔ Research ➔ Article Databases ➔ Databases by Subject ➔ Allied Health, Nursing & Medicine

OR

Library ➔ Research ➔ Article Databases ➔ Databases A-Z ➔ (select database)
Some suggested databases with articles you can download, save, cite, print, or email

Gale
- Health and Wellness Resource Center with Alternative Health Module
  - Includes Mosby's Medical, Nursing and Allied Health Dictionary; Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine; Diseases and Conditions list; and Drugs and Herbal Remedies
- Health Reference Center Academic
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Gale Virtual Reference (Medical encyclopedias and handbooks online)
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- CINAHL Plus: Advanced search allows searching for full-text, peer-reviewed journals, evidenced-based care sheets, CINAHL headings, or for a specific journal.
- Academic Search Premier
- Medline: can search by keyword, subject, etc., or publications, MeSH headings, etc.
- HealthSource: Nursing/Academic Edition
- Alt HealthWatch
- Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection
- Use the check boxes for **Full text articles & Scholarly (Peer reviewed) articles**
- Can be filtered by date using slider on the left

Search Strategies

Phrase Searching:
Use “quotation marks” to retrieve multiple words denoting single specific concept (e.g. “collagenous colitis”). Searches for words as single exact term with no words in between.

Truncation:
Use an asterisk [*] at the end of a root term to retrieve all forms of a word (e.g., medic* = medic, medicine, medical, medically, and Medici). Especially useful for retrieving both singular and plural forms of keywords.

Boolean Operators: Use Boolean operators to narrow or broaden your keyword searches.

AND – narrows a search
- searches only for articles containing both terms
- best used to retrieve more focused results

OR – broadens a search
- searches for articles containing either term as well as articles containing both
- best used for nested synonyms e.g.: (adolescents OR “young adults” OR teenagers)

NOT – narrows a search
- searches for first term, filtering out second
- best for eliminating false hits that occur when words have multiple meanings
While many of our electronic journals are current, the most recent edition of our Allied Health journals can often be found on the 1st floor. We are currently in the process of adding these to the catalog.

- American Journal of Nursing
- Annals of Emergency Medicine
- Journal of Gerontological Nursing
- Journal of Nursing Administration
- Journal of Psychosocial Nursing
- New England Journal of Medicine
- Nursing Administration Quarterly
- Nursing Clinics of North America
- Nursing Management
- Nursing Outlook
- Nutrition Today
- Respiratory Care

**WEB RESOURCES (not necessarily scholarly or peer-reviewed)**

**Library home page → Web Resources → Health & Wellness**

- National Cancer Institute | From the NIH and the U.S. government
- Centers for Disease Control | Official U.S. government site
- Drugs.com | Index of pharmaceutical drugs
- Mayo Clinic | Information on diseases and conditions
- Medical terms + pronouncing dictionary | From Medline and Merriam-Webster
- Medline Plus | Information on health topics and drugs, plus a medical encyclopedia with pronouncing dictionary
- Merck Manual | Concise, online medical information for healthcare professionals
- Merck Manual Home Health Handbook for Patients and Caregivers | Includes a pronouncing dictionary
- Psych Central | Mental health topics