Literature Search & Reference Management: Tips and Tricks

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Objectives

- Learn key nursing resources & off-campus access (Ezproxy)
- Learn about Peer-reviewed journals/articles
- Practice basic search using PubMed, CINAHL, Web of Science, Google, Google Scholar

- Introduction to RefWorks
  - import references from various databases to RefWorks
  - Cite references in Word
  - Create a bibliography in APA style
## Primary Research Literature

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<th>PubMed@UCSF</th>
<th>CINAHL Plus with Full Text</th>
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<td>World’s largest biomedical database, includes nursing</td>
<td>Comprehensive coverage of nursing &amp; allied health literature</td>
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<td>Coverage: 1946 to present</td>
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<td>Size: 28+ million citations</td>
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<td>Subject terms - 27,140 +</td>
<td>Uses many MeSH terms</td>
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<td>Indexes 5,278+ peer-reviewed medical/nursing journals &amp; books</td>
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<td>Access: PubMed.ucsf.edu</td>
<td>Research instruments, CE modules</td>
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<td>Searchable cited references: 1,460+ journals</td>
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Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Organization: abstract, methodology, results, conclusion and references
- Including figures, charts, tables
- A note indicating when an article was submitted and when was published.
- Peer-reviewed journals usually announce they are peer-reviewed.
Click the full-text article link to access full text.

Check the UCSF Library Catalog to see whether UCSF owns a journal and get call number.

Check the UC Libraries Catalog: Melvyl whether other UC campuses have the article.

Use Request Service to request for articles not owned by UCSF.
Basic PubMed Search

- Basic
  - Keyword search
    - Searches for your words in the title, abstract and MeSH vocabulary
  - Title word search
    - Only searches for words/phrases in the title

- MeSH search (Advanced)
  - MeSH is the controlled vocabulary used in indexing articles in PubMed
Tips & Tricks

- Use [ti] to search words/phrases in the title
- Use [tiab] to search words/phrases either in the title or in an abstract
- Use quotes "" for phrase searching
- Boolean operators processed left to right
  A AND (B OR C)

pressure ulcers AND prevention 5662
"pressure ulcers" [ti] AND prevention 958
‘pressure ulcers” [ti] AND prevention [ti] 256

Use filters to refine search results
systematic reviews: 43
CINAHL: Cumulative Index for Nursing and Allied Health Literature

Searching: CINAHL Plus with Full Text | Choose Databases

("rapid response team" OR "medical emergency") AND "hospital mortality"

Limit your results

Full Text
Abstract Available
Author
English Language
Research Article

References Available
Published Date
Month Year: 2015 - Month Year: 2018
Publication
Peer Reviewed
Exclude Pre-CINAHL
Web of Science: a multidisciplinary database
PsycINFO: a psychological database
Google, Google Scholar

Google Scholar

("rapid response team" OR "medical emergency team") AND "hospital mortality"

Google

"rapid response team" AND "hospital mortality" AND filetype:ppt
Help!!!

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