



Evidence-Based Resources for Answering Clinical Questions: *Only a Click Away*

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1. Search a Database to Find Research Journal Articles

- a. PubMed pubmed.gov or MEDLINE with full-text (\$) **H**
 - i. PubMed at the UW help page healthlinks.washington.edu/howto/pubmed
- b. NLM Gateway gateway.nlm.nih.gov/gw/Cmd
- c. CINAHL or CINAHL Plus cinahl.com (\$) **H**
 - i. Searching CINAHL Plus healthlinks.washington.edu/howto/cinahlplus/index.pdf
- d. Free and Open Access e-journal websites
 - i. Biomed Central biomedcentral.com
 - ii. PubMed Central pubmedcentral.gov
- e. Journals A-Z on HEAL-WA **H** healwa.org
 - i. 2,600 full-text health-related journals on HEAL-WA

2. Search Clinical Practice Guidelines

- a. National Guideline Clearinghouse guideline.gov
- b. Nursing Reference Center (\$) **H** ebscobost.com
- c. PubMed pubmed.gov or MEDLINE with full-text (\$) **H**
- d. CINAHL or CINAHL Plus (\$) **H** cinahl.com
- e. Google or Advanced Google or Google Scholar
google.com or google.com/advanced_search?hl=en or scholar.google.com

3. Search Evidence Summaries and Structured Abstracts

- a. DynaMed (\$) **H** www.ebscobost.com/dynamed
- b. Nursing Reference Center (\$) **H** www.ebscobost.com
- c. Evidence-Based Nursing (\$) www.evidencebasednursing.com

4. Search Point of Care Evidence-Based Practice Resources (have some level of evidence-based information) (all \$)

- a. Point of Care EBP general medical resources:
 - i. DynaMed (\$) **H** www.ebscobost.com/dynamed
 - ii. Essential Evidence Plus (\$) essentialevidenceplus.com
 - iii. Evidence Matters (\$) evidencematters.com
 - iv. PEPID (\$) pepid.com
 - v. UptoDate (\$) uptodate.com
- b. Point of Care EBP nursing resource:
 - i. Nursing Reference Center (\$) **H** ebscobost.com

5. Use a Meta-Search Engine

- a. TRIP Database tripdatabase.com
- b. SUMSearch sumsearch.uthscsa.edu

6. Search for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses Resources

- a. Cochrane Library (\$) **H** cochrane.org
- b. PubMed Clinical Queries/Systematic Reviews
www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query/static/clinical.shtml
- c. CINAHL or CINAHL Plus (\$) **H** cinahl.com [Use Publication Type: Systematic Review]

7. Search for Evidence in Drug and Natural Medicine Resources

- a. AHFS Drug Information (\$) **H** ahfsdruginformation.com
- b. Davis's Drug Guide for Nurses (\$) **H**
- c. Natural Standard (\$) **H** naturalstandard.com
 - i. Also partially available in MedlinePlus Drug and Herbal Information
www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginformation.html
- d. MedlinePlus medlineplus.gov

8. Navigate the Web Beyond Basic Google to Find Evidence

- a. Google google.com
- b. Google Advanced Search www.google.com/advanced_search?hl=en
- c. Google Scholar scholar.google.com
- d. Criteria for Evaluating Web Sites healthlinks.washington.edu/howto/navigating/criteria.pdf

9. Keep Current With Alerting Services (Email and RSS)

- a. My NCBI for PubMed pubmed.gov
 - i. PubMed: My NCBI help page healthlinks.washington.edu/howto/myncbi.html
- b. Email Alert Services healthlinks.washington.edu/howto/alerts.html

10. Contact your Ultimate Search Engine...a librarian!

\$= Available by subscription or fee

H= Available through HEAL-WA to Washington State nurses

HEAL-WA (Health Electronic Resource for Washington): healwa.org

- ❖ Online access to health information resources for WA state nurses and other health professionals. Nurses licensed in Washington State are able to use on the HEAL-WA website the resources indicated with **H**.

- Handout: healthlinks.washington.edu/hsl/liaisons/schnall/medsurg2009.doc
- PowerPoint presentation: healthlinks.washington.edu/hsl/liaisons/schnall/medsurg2009.ppt

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