Essential Nursing Resources
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The 26th edition of the ICIRN Essential Nursing Resources (ENR) list is presented as a resource for locating nursing information and for collection development. The list includes print, electronic, and web sources to support nursing practice, education, administration, and research activities. Only the most recent editions and website addresses have been included. The list was compiled to point to pathways for exploration, rather than be an end point, and to expand to other formats beyond traditional references. New and redesigned sections in this edition include Blogs, Forums and Discussion Lists; Evidence-based Nursing; Management; Patient Safety/Quality Assurance; and Toxicology, Environmental, Occupational Health. See the Key below for the indication of the format of the resource and its availability via mobile, online or print.

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**Key:** $=Fee required (Contact your local library for loan or inter-library loan), $=Mobile*,
O=Online, P=Print

*Mobile includes mobile applications, interfaces optimized for mobile access, and down-loadable ebooks for use with ereader devices and ereading software.
**ALERTING SERVICES/ RSS FEEDS**

RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feeds deliver headlines, journal tables of content, updates, and summaries to desktop or Web browser. Subscribe via individual publishers and aggregators. Most databases, such as PubMed, CINAHL, etc., have automatic email alerting services that can be established. Check the individual database Help sections for information.

**BMJ** What is RSS? How do I get a News Reader? [http://resources.bmj.com/bmj/interactive/rss](http://resources.bmj.com/bmj/interactive/rss)  

**EDUCAUSE** (2007). 7 things you should know about RSS. What is it? Who's doing it? How does it work? and more. [http://www.educause.edu/ELI/7ThingsYouShouldKnowAboutRSS/156827](http://www.educause.edu/ELI/7ThingsYouShouldKnowAboutRSS/156827)  

**Lippincott's Nursing Center.com** RSS feeds. For nursing CE, reading articles, journal tables of content, and more. [http://www.nursingcenter.com/rss/rssfeed.asp](http://www.nursingcenter.com/rss/rssfeed.asp)  

**MDLinx** Nursing RSS news feeds. For nursing subspecialties. [http://www.mdlinx.com/nursing/feeds.cfm](http://www.mdlinx.com/nursing/feeds.cfm)  


**BIBLIOGRAPHIES/BOOK AND SERIAL LISTS**

In addition to sources listed below, information on new nursing books and serials can be found in publishers’ and professional nursing organizations’ print and online catalogs, library catalogs including National Library of Medicine’s locatorplus.gov, and CINAHL.

**AJN Book of the Year Awards** (Annual). Annotated list as chosen by and published in the January issue of American Journal of Nursing.  


**Doody’s Review Service** Expert reviews of medical, nursing, and allied health books and software. Includes Doody’s Core Titles in the Health Sciences (Annual), which replaces the classic Brandon-Hill guides for Nursing, Small Medical Library, and Allied Health. [http://www.doody.com/drs](http://www.doody.com/drs)  


Both free and fee-based electronic references.


**BIOETHICS**

American Journal of Bioethics (Monthly). Taylor & Francis. Peer-reviewed journal providing authoritative, annotated conversation as the key source on thousands of bioethical topics in the health sciences. [http://bioethics.net/journal](http://bioethics.net/journal) [SOP]

American Nurses Association Center for Ethics and Human Rights. Activities and bibliographies. [http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards/About.aspx](http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards/About.aspx)


Bioethics Research Library, Georgetown University Books, journals, newspaper articles, legal materials, regulations, codes, government publications, and documents concerned with issues in biomedical and professional ethics. Includes the ETHXWeb (bioethics) and GenETHX (genetics ethics) bibliographic databases. [http://bioethics.georgetown.edu](http://bioethics.georgetown.edu)


NIH Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health The Department of Bioethics. Premier center for bioethics, wrestling with major policy issues, offering educational and clinical services, and developing numerous research projects to help advance and inform public policy debate. [http://www.bioethics.nih.gov/home/index.shtml](http://www.bioethics.nih.gov/home/index.shtml)

Nursing Ethics, Boston College School of Nursing Resources, Ethics Tool Database, abstracts, reviews, collections, links, and education. [http://www.bc.edu/be_org/avp/son/ethics/](http://www.bc.edu/be_org/avp/son/ethics/)
**Nursing Ethics: An International Journal for Health Care Professionals** (Bimonthly). Practical approach to the complex subject of nursing ethics relating each topic to the working environment. Articles written in a comprehensible style and official documents analyzed in a user-friendly way. [http://www.uk.sagepub.com/journalsProdDesc.nav?prodld=journal201821](http://www.uk.sagepub.com/journalsProdDesc.nav?prodld=journal201821)  


**United States Department of Veteran Affairs** *National Center for Ethics in Health Care*. Represents various fields including medicine, nursing, philosophy, law, policy making, education, social work, and health care administration to support clinical, organizational, and research ethics throughout the Veterans Administration. [http://www.ethics.va.gov/index.asp](http://www.ethics.va.gov/index.asp)


**BLOGS, FORUMS, AND ELECTRONIC DISCUSSION LISTS**


**allnurses.com** Nursing discussion lists and blogs that can be sorted by categories. [http://allnurses.com/](http://allnurses.com/)

**American Journal of Nursing** *Off the charts*. [http://ajonoffthecharts.com/](http://ajonoffthecharts.com/)

**GLOBALRN Worldwide** Internet email discussion list on culture and health care issues. [http://nurseweb.ucsf.edu/www/globalrn.htm](http://nurseweb.ucsf.edu/www/globalrn.htm)

**Medscape Nurses** Blogs, experts, and viewpoints; free newsletters in nursing (or other editions) and daily alerts on clinical advances in specialty areas. CE, patient education, and news. [http://www.medscape.com/nurses/resource](http://www.medscape.com/nurses/resource)

**NPInfo** List for nurse practitioners. [http://lists.nurse.net/mailman/listinfo/npinfo](http://lists.nurse.net/mailman/listinfo/npinfo)

**NURSENET A Global Forum for Nursing Issues**  

**Nurses In Recovery(NIR)** List for health care professionals in recovery or have a desire to be in recovery from drug addiction, alcoholism, gambling, codependency or any obsessive compulsive addictive process. [http://brucienne.com/nir/](http://brucienne.com/nir/)

**COMPLEMENTARY/ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE**

*Complementary/Alternative Medicine (CAM)* is defined as diverse medical and health care systems, practices, and products that are not generally considered part of conventional medicine.

**Alt HealthWatch** EBSCO. Database concerning complementary, holistic, and integrated approaches to health care and wellness. Includes periodicals, peer-reviewed journals, academic and professional publications, consumer newsletters, pamphlets, book excerpts and research reports. [http://www.ebscohost.com/academic/alt-healthwatch](http://www.ebscohost.com/academic/alt-healthwatch) $O$


**AMED (Allied and Complementary Medicine Database)** Health Care Information Service of the British Library. Database produced by the British Library covering 596 journals in alternative/complementary medicine, palliative care, and professions allied to medicine. Available through several online vendors. [http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelpsubject/scitecenv/medicinehealth/amed/amed.html#form](http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelpsubject/scitecenv/medicinehealth/amed/amed.html#form) $O$


**Cochrane Reviews** *Complementary medicine*. Links to abstracts and summaries. [http://www2.cochrane.org/reviews/en/subtopics/22.html](http://www2.cochrane.org/reviews/en/subtopics/22.html) $O$


Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database  Scientific evidence-based ratings on 1,100 natural medicines, including interactions with drugs and foods, safety and effectiveness as well as other CAM therapies. Patient handouts in English and Spanish. Subset available free through MedlinePlus. [SMOP](http://www.naturaldatabase.com) P

Natural Standard  Provides evidence-based information about CAM. Database includes herbs/dietary supplements, alternative practices (modalities, exercises, and medical conditions), comparative effective charts, and more. [http://www.naturalstandard.com](http://www.naturalstandard.com) S O


CONSUMER HEALTH/PATIENT EDUCATION


ClinicalTrials.gov  Discusses benefits and risks of federally and privately supported clinical trials on diseases and conditions and how to become a participant. [http://www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov) MO


Health & Wellness Resource Center  Gale. Index of peer-reviewed journals in medicine, health, nursing
and allied health, and other health-related areas; includes reference books and videos. Mostly full-text. Can often be accessed through public libraries. [link]

**Health Reference Center Academic** Gale. Index of peer-reviewed journals in medicine, health, nursing and allied health, and other health-related areas; includes reference books and videos. Mostly full-text. Can often be accessed through public libraries. [link]

**Mayo Clinic** Health information on symptoms, causes, and treatment options for diseases and conditions. [link]

**Medical Library Association** "Top ten" most useful websites for health consumers. [link]

**MedicineNet** Subset of WebMD network produced by physicians providing authoritative medical information for consumers on conditions, diseases, tests, and procedures. Includes image collection. [link]

**MedlinePlus** National Library of Medicine’s invaluable resource for patient teaching, drug and disease links, tutorials, and ready reference. Includes interactive health tutorials, preformatted PubMed searches, etc. [link]


**UpToDate for Patients** Continuously updated reviews on health topics from A to Z. [link]

**CULTURAL COMPETENCY**

A key ingredient in reducing or eliminating disparities in access to quality health care, cultural competence involves appreciation of, respect for, and responsiveness to the diverse needs of patients from different cultural or ethnic backgrounds.

**American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)** *Cultural competency in nursing education.* Useful links to competencies and tool kits identifying significant content, teaching-learning activities, and resources to help faculty integrate cultural competency in nursing curricula; extensive bibliographies. [link]

*EthnoMed* Includes cultural information about various issues related to health care of immigrants and refugee groups to integrate into clinical practice. Each cultural profile includes a description of the group’s country of origin, language, interpersonal relations, and health/death issues. [http://ethnomed.org](http://ethnomed.org) O


Purnell, L. D., & Paulanka, B. J. (2009). *Guide to culturally competent care* (2nd ed.). Philadelphia: Davis. Contains the 12 domains of culturally competent care and discusses various heritages including Appalachian, Arabic, Somali, Hmong, and Navajo; presents background information as well as information about health care practices. SP

RHIN (Refugee Health Information Network) Multilingual health information for refugees and health providers. [http://rhin.org](http://rhin.org) O


SPIRAL (Selected Patient Information Resources in Asian Languages) Patient information by language (Cambodian Khmer, Chinese, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Laotian Lao, Thai, Vietnamese) and topic. [http://](http://)
University of Washington Medical Center Patient and Family Education Services. Culture clues. Tip sheets regarding diverse cultures (e.g., Korean, Russian, Chinese, Somali). http://depts.washington.edu/pfes/CultureClues.htm

US Office of Minority Health Culturally competent nursing care: A cornerstone of caring. Presents Culturally Competent Nursing Modules (CCNM) developed to educate nurses to provide care to diverse populations. CE credit offered. https://ccnm.thinkculturalhealth.org

DATABASES
Access to specialized databases is available from academic, hospital, and other libraries, including libraries that are members of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM). http://nnlm.gov. Users can typically access these databases via library website or directly from vendor. Contact local health sciences libraries or closest Regional Medical Library (800.388.7657) for assistance. For access to US National Library of Medicine (NLM) databases, check the NLM website at http://nlm.nih.gov/databases/. Full-text online journal collections and bundled resources of databases/online scholarly journals/magazines/multimedia/evidence syntheses require librarian expertise to manage; representative collections are listed here. Obtain full text articles — both print and online — via libraries, professional memberships, personal subscriptions, and some websites.

Core Nursing and Health Care Databases

CINAHLPlus EBSCO. The Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature covers nursing, biomedicine, alternative/complementary medicine, consumer health, health sciences librarianship, and 17 allied health disciplines. Provides indexing for >4,660 journals; contains >2.8 million records dating back to 1937, with complete coverage of English-language journals and publications from the National League for Nursing and the American Nurses Association. Also offers access to health care books, book chapters, ebooks, pamphlets, nursing dissertations, selected conference proceedings, standards of practice, education software, audiovisuals, and CE (continuing education) modules. Full-text material includes 770 journals, clinical innovations, critical paths, research instruments, Evidence-Based Care Sheets, Quick Lessons, and clinical trials. More than 1,350 indexed journals in CINAHLPlus have searchable cited references; subject access available via CINAHL Subject Heading List. The CINAHL database covers 2,999 journals. Full-text version available. http://ebscohost.com $MO

CINAHL EBSCO. The Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature covers 2,999 journals. Full-text version available. http://ebscohost.com $MO

MEDLINE via PubMed National Library of Medicine. MEDLINE contains >20 million references to articles published in >5,500 current biomedical journals from the United States and 80 other countries. Covers virtually every area in the broad field of biomedicine, including nursing, bioethics, health administration, toxicology, nutrition, pharmacology, medicine, psychiatry, medical engineering, and pathology, from the early 1940s to the present, with some older material. Available via several
online vendors such as EBSCO and OVID for a fee. MEDLINE via PubMed is free to search at http://
pubmed.gov  MO

**Mosby’s Index** Elsevier. Nursing and allied health journal abstracts and indexing database with 3,100
international nursing and allied health journals covered. EMTREE Thesaurus, enhanced for nursing.
**EMcare** is a similar database available through Dialog/Datastar. http://confidenceconnected.com/
products/mosbys_index/overview  SO

MEDLINE, NLM Catalog, MedlinePlus, and many other NLM information systems and databases noted

**Nursing@Ovid** Based on the nursing and allied health subset of MEDLINE, enriched with further
bibliographical data from Ovid, and indexed against the Ovid Nursing Subject Thesaurus. Indexes >400
international journals. Options include access to point-of-care resources via the Point of Care Nursing
Advisor and other cross-platform searching. http://ovid.com  SO

**Related/Specialized Databases**  
*Nursing research and publications may be found in a variety of databases. Consult with your local
librarian about your topic.*

**Ageline** EBSCO. Social gerontology and the study of aging in social, psychological, health-related, and
economic contexts, covering 1978 to present. Includes journal citations from >200 journals as well as

**British Nursing Index (BNI)** ProQuest. Bournemouth University, Poole Hospital NHS Foundation
Trust, Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust, and Royal College of Nursing. Includes >240 nursing/midwifery
and health-related journals with strong UK coverage, 1994 to present. http://www.bniplus.co.uk  SO

**CDC WONDER** (Wide-ranging Online Data for Epidemiologic Research). US Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention. Single point of access to a variety of public health reports and data systems, both
local and external, categorized by topic. http://wonder.cdc.gov  O

**Education Resources Information Center (ERIC)** Institute of Education Sciences, US Department
of Education. Bibliographic database including >1.3 million citations to journal articles and other
education-related materials going back to 1969. Free access to >334,000 full-text journal and non-journal

**Embase** Elsevier. Includes citations and abstracts of biomedical and pharmaceutical literature from >24
million indexed records from 7,500+ peer-reviewed journals, covering 1947 to date. Indexes conference

**Google Scholar** Specialized internet browser that searches scholarly sources such as academic
publishers, government-supported research databases (e.g., MEDLINE), university and professional
association websites. Also includes citation counts for each article and lists those citing articles. [http://scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)

**HaPI (Health and Psychosocial Instruments)** Behavioral Measurement Database Services. Database of measurement instruments in the health sciences, psychological and social sciences needed for research and practice. Coverage 1985 to present with >145,000 records covering 15,000 instruments. Available from EBSCO and Ovid. [SO](#)


**health.gov** Portal to the websites of a number of multi-agency health initiatives and activities of the US Department of Health and Human Services and other federal departments and agencies. [http://health.gov](http://health.gov)


**Mental Measurements Yearbook (MMY)** Buros Institute of Mental Measurements. Includes reviews of over 7,000 test instruments, providing evaluative information to promote informed test selection. Covers the first in print yearbook in 1938 to present. Available from EBSCO, Ovid, and Test Reviews Online. [http://www.unl.edu/buros/bimm/html/index00.html](http://www.unl.edu/buros/bimm/html/index00.html) [SOP](#)

**National Quality Measures Clearinghouse (NQMC)** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Database of evidence-based health care quality measures and measure sets that have passed through rigorous evaluation and approval processes. [http://qualitymeasures.ahrq.gov](http://qualitymeasures.ahrq.gov)


**POPLINE® (POPulation Information onLINE)** K4Health Project, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health/Center for Communication Programs, and funded by US Agency for International Development. World’s largest database on reproductive health, containing citations with abstracts to scientific articles, reports, books, and unpublished reports in the field of population, family planning, and related health issues. [http://popline.org](http://popline.org)


Registry of Nursing Research Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library. Database of research studies and conference abstracts. Primary investigators can be contacted for information about how to obtain full-text versions of their studies. http://nursinglibrary.org O

Science.gov Searches over 45 databases and 2,000 websites from 14 federal agencies, offering authoritative US government science information, including research and development results. http://science.gov O

Web of Science Thomson Reuters. Database of >11,400 international journals in the sciences, social sciences, and arts and humanities. Also includes citation counts for each article and lists those citing articles. http://isiwebofknowledge.com/products_tools/multidisciplinary/webofscience/ SO

Systematic Reviews

Cochrane Library Cochrane Collaboration. Includes Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR); Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE), Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL), Cochrane Methodology Register (CMR), Health Technology Assessment Database (HTA), NHS Economic Evaluation Database (NHSEED), and individual review groups. Free access to abstracts, fee required for full-text. Various vendors: EBSCO, OVID, Wiley. http://thecochranelibrary.com SO

Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE) Structured abstracts of good, quality systematic reviews of the effects of health interventions from around the world, including a summary of the review with a critical commentary about the overall quality. Complements CDSR by offering a selection of quality assessed reviews on subjects with no Cochrane review. Can also be accessed from the Cochrane Library. http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/Home.aspx O

JBI Library of Systematic Reviews Joanna Briggs Institute. Part of JBI COmNECT+ (Clinical Online Network of Evidence for Care and Therapeutics) and available with membership. http://connect.jbiconnectplus.org/ SO

Systematic Reviews can be located in other databases as follows:
CINAHL Plus Use Search Options to Limit your results; select “Systematic Review” under Publication Type. SO

MEDLINE via Ovid Enter your search query. Click on the “Limits” icon; select “Systematic Reviews” under Subject Subset. SO
**MEDLINE via EBSCO** Enter your search query. Limit your results to “Systematic Reviews” under Subject Subsets. S$O$

**MedLine via PubMed** Click on “Clinical Queries” link from PubMed front page; enter your search query. Systematic Reviews include citations identified as systematic reviews, meta-analyses, reviews of clinical trials, evidence-based medicine, consensus development conferences, and guidelines. O

**DICTIONARIES**


**DRUGS**


**Drugs.com: Drug Information Online** [http://www.drugs.com/](http://www.drugs.com/)

**Embase** Elsevier. Database of biomedical and pharmacological research articles and conferences. [http://www.embase.com/info/](http://www.embase.com/info/)

**Epocrates** Epocrates, Inc. Comprehensive, point of care drug information resource. [https://online.epocrates.com](https://online.epocrates.com)


**Medical Letter on Drugs and Therapeutics** Medical Letter, Inc. Objective, peer-reviewed evaluations of new FDA-approved drugs. [http://secure.medicalletter.org/](http://secure.medicalletter.org/)


RxList: The Internet Drug Index http://www.rxlist.com O


EDUCATION/CAREERS

American Association of Colleges of Nursing Baccalaureate and higher degree nursing education programs as well as a Career Center link. http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ O

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Accreditation Officially recognized by US Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency for nursing programs at the baccalaureate level and above. Can search by state, country or institution for accredited nursing programs. http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Accreditation/ O

Find nursing schools and degree programs Comprehensive nursing education web resource with a directory of nursing degree programs from over 2,300 schools. Search by state or degree type. http://bestnursingdegree.com/ O


US Bureau of Labor Statistics National, regional and state occupational employment and wage estimates for RNs; LPNs; LVNs; post-secondary nursing instructors and teachers; nursing aides, and more. http://www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm O


EVIDENCE-BASED NURSING

Commentaries and Evidence Syntheses

ACP Journal Club Value-added abstracts to research and systematic review journal articles selected from >100 major peer-reviewed medical journals. Covers broad range of topics on the care of adults and adolescents. http://acpjc.org $MO


DynaMed Evidence-based summaries for >3,500 topics that answer clinical questions occurring during practice. Updated daily; monitors the content of >500 medical journals and systematic evidence review databases. http://ebscohost.com/dynamed/ $MO

Evidence-Based Mental Health (1998-). (Quarterly). Journal with informative abstracts of research studies and expert commentary on its clinical application. (Free from 2006 back; requires registration.) http://ebmh.bmj.com $O

Evidence-Based Nursing (1998-). (Quarterly). Journal with informative abstracts of research studies and expert commentary on its clinical application. Website includes current contents and selected free articles. (Free from 2006 back; requires registration.) http://ebn.bmj.com $O

KT+ Knowledge Translation McMaster University Health Information Research Unit. Provides access to the current evidence on "T2" knowledge translation* (i.e., research addressing the knowledge to practice gap), including published original articles and systematic reviews on health care quality improvement, continuing professional education, computerized clinical decision support, health services research and patient adherence. Its purpose is to inform those working in the knowledge translation area of current research as it is published. Requires registration. http://plus.mcmaster.ca/kt/Default.aspx O

UpToDate A clinical information resource that offers up-to-date, referenced expert answers to patient-care, diagnosis, and treatment questions. The >8,500 topic reviews are written by recognized authorities who review the topic, synthesize the evidence, summarize key findings, and provide specific recommendations. http://uptodate.com $MO


Best Practices/Practice Guidelines

Best practices are available from many sources, including journals and other resources indexed in CINAHL and PubMed/MEDLINE. CINAHL publication types to consider include Care Plan, Clinical Innovations, Critical Path, Practice Guidelines, Protocol and Standards. PubMed/MEDLINE publication types to consider include Practice Guideline and Guideline. See also nursing specialty organizations for practice guidelines.

AHRQ Evidence Based Practice Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Links to Evidence-based Practice Center (EPC) Evidence Reports. http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epcix.htm O

**National Clinical Guideline Centre (NCGC)** Provides evidence based clinical practice guidelines from the UK’s National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE). [http://www.nice.ac.uk/Guidelines](http://www.nice.ac.uk/Guidelines)  


**Systematic Reviews**  

**Cochrane Library** Cochrane Collaboration. Includes Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR); Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE), Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL), Cochrane Methodology Register (CMR), Health Technology Assessment Database (HTA), NHS Economic Evaluation Database (NHSEED), and individual review groups. Free access to abstracts, fee required for full-text. Various vendors: EBSCO, OVID, Wiley. [http://thecochranelibrary.com](http://thecochranelibrary.com)  

**Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE)** Structured abstracts of good, quality systematic reviews of the effects of health interventions from around the world, including a summary of the review with a critical commentary about the overall quality. Complements CDSR by offering a selection of quality assessed reviews on subjects with no Cochrane review. Can also be accessed from the Cochrane Library. [http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/Home.aspx](http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/Home.aspx)  

**JBI Library of Systematic Reviews** Joanna Briggs Institute. Part of JBI CONNeCT+ (Clinical Online Network of Evidence for Care and Therapeutics) and available with membership. [http://connect.jbiconnectplus.org](http://connect.jbiconnectplus.org)  

**Systematic Reviews can be located in other databases as follows:**  

**CINAHL Plus** Use Search Options to Limit your results; select “Systematic Review” under Publication Type.  

**MEDLINE via Ovid** Enter your search query. Click on the “Limits” icon; select “Systematic Reviews” under Subject Subset.  

**MEDLINE via EBSCO** Enter your search query. Limit your results to “Systematic Reviews” under Subject Subsets.  

**MEDLINE via PubMed** Click on “Clinical Queries” link from PubMed front page; enter your search query. Systematic Reviews include citations identified as systematic reviews, meta-analyses, reviews of clinical trials, evidence-based medicine, consensus development conferences, and guidelines.  

**Evidence-Based Practice Meta-Search Tools**  
*These tools search multiple sources.*

SUMSearch 2 Simultaneously searches for original studies, systematic reviews, and practice guidelines from PubMed, National Guideline Clearinghouse, and DARE; merged into one list sorted by year of publication. http://sumsearch.org O

TRIP (Turning Research Into Practice) Based in UK. Searches >75 websites for high quality evidence-based medical information. http://tripdatabase.com O

Nursing Point-of-Care Resources
Your institution may subscribe to a “point of care” resource for nurses which provides access to journal articles, drug and disease information, care plans, diagnostic tests, procedures, skill sheets, evidence summaries, reference tools, continuing education, and patient education information. Following are some representative examples. Nurses should consult their institution librarian for guidance in acquiring point of care resources to capitalize on current subscriptions and licenses.

Lippincott’s Nursing Advisor Wolters Kluwer/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. “Synoptic reference content” for nurses in the areas of drugs, diseases, diagnostic tests, treatments, and signs and symptoms; includes evidence-based nursing monographs, care plans, guidelines, and more. http://www.lwwnursingsolutions.com/content/lippincotts-nursing-advisor $O

Lippincott’s Nursing Procedures & Skills Wolters Kluwer/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. >1,000 evidence-based procedures and skills, with references that show the evidence on which the procedure is based; includes skills checklist, competency tools, and color visuals. http://www.lwwnursingsolutions.com/content/lippincotts-nursing-procedures-and-skills $O


Mosby’s Nursing Skills Elsevier. Online evidence-based skills references system featuring >1,000 interactive skills, including checklists, list of supplies needed, online test, videos or animated demonstrations, and illustrations. http://www.reed Elsevier.com/OURBUSINESS/ELSEVIER/Pages/MosbysNursingSkills.aspx $MO

Nursing Reference Center EBSCO. Provides access to >2,600 Evidence-Based Care Sheets and Quick Lessons plus patient education materials in English and Spanish, practice guidelines, skills and procedures, drug information, legal cases, full-text reference books, research instrument records, free continuing education modules, and latest medical news; separate subscription also accesses CINAHL databases. http://ebscohost.com/pointOfCare/nrc-about $O

Books, Journals, Articles, and Websites

Academic Center for Evidence-based Nursing (ACE) University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio School of Nursing. Advances cutting edge, state-of-the-art evidence-based nursing practice, research and education. Includes ACE Star Model of Knowledge Transformation, which demonstrates diffusion of innovation from research to practice. http://www.acestar.uthscsa.edu/ O


Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine, University of Toronto Evidence-based nursing: Syllabi for practicing EBM. http://kteclearinghouse.ca/cebm/syllabi/nursing

EBM Librarian A wiki for sharing information and resources for teachers and supporters of EBM, including handouts, examples, teaching tips, scenarios, references, etc. (Free, requires invitation and registration). https://sites.google.com/site/ebmlibrarian/

Evidence-Based Nursing BMJ. (Quarterly). Journal of quality appraised abstracted research with informative expert commentary on clinical applications. Designed to alert practicing nurses to important and clinically relevant research advances. http://ebn.bmj.com/


Joanna Briggs Institute University of Adelaide Faculty of Health Sciences. Gateway to a collection of evidence-based resources to assist in the clinical decision-making process and support best practices for nurses and other health professionals by connecting the best available international evidence to the point of care. Includes Best Practice Information Sheets, JBI Library of Systematic Reviews, and JBI COnNECT (Clinical Online Network of Evidence for Care and Therapeutics) that provides users with resources to search, appraise, summarize, embed, utilize and evaluate evidence-based information. http://joannabriges.edu.au/ SMOP

McMaster University Health Sciences Library Evidence based practice resources: Nursing resources. http://hsl.mcmaster.ca/resources/topic/eb/nurse.html


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guide to best practice. Philadelphia: Wolters Kluwer/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. $MP


GRANTS RESOURCES


Community of Science Funding Opportunities Comprehensive database for finding funding opportunities from private foundations, public agencies, national and local governments, and corporations. http://fundingopps.cos.com/ SO


Foundation Directory Online Updated weekly with >96,000 listings. http://fconline.foundationcenter.org $O

Foundation Grants for Individuals Online http://gtionline.fdncenter.org $O

Grants.gov Search for grant opportunities from 26 Federal grantmaking agencies and apply for grants online. http://grants.gov O

GrantSelect Schoolhouse Partners. Online grants database with >14,000 funding opportunities provided by 6,000 federal and non-federal organizations. http://grantselect.com $O

GrantsNet American Association for the Advancement of Science. Aimed at providing scientists in the early stages of their research careers information on how to obtain support for research and advanced training. Requires registration. http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/funding O


ScanGrants Samaritan Health Services (SHS) Center for Health Research and Quality. Includes private foundations, corporations, businesses, and not-for profit organizations, with priority to less traditional funding opportunities. Federal and state funding sources typically not included because they are readily available on other sites. http://www.scangrants.com/ O


Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing Research grant opportunities. Lists STTI and co-sponsored grant opportunities. http://www.nursingsociety.org/RESEARCH/SMAALGRANTS/Pages/grants_small.aspx SO

US Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Professions Nursing. Nurse education, training, and practice grant programs, including scholarships. http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/index.html O

US National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) Lists grants and training opportunities from NINR, as well as funded activities. http://www.ninr.nih.gov O


US National Institutes of Health (NIH) Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tools (RePORT). Formerly CRISP. Database of federally funded biomedical research projects conducted at universities, hospitals, and other research institutions. Updated weekly to include addition of newly funded projects and revisions to prior awards. http://report.nih.gov/index.aspx O

HISTORY OF NURSING/ARCHIVES


American Association for the History of Nursing (AAHN) Nursing history research resources. Nonprofit, education, and government resources relevant to nursing history. Includes a nursing history primer, selected nursing history books, and a bibliography for historical methodology. http://www.aahn.org/resource.html O

Bellevue Alumnae Center for Nursing History, Foundation of New York State Nurses, Guilderland,
NY Personal and professional papers and artifacts of prominent New York State nursing leaders, schools of nursing, professional organizations and alumnae associations, oral histories, and early textbooks. http://www.foundationnysnurses.org/bellevue/index.php


Nursing Newsletters Online Arthur L. Davis. Searchable archive of 41 state nursing association newsletters. http://www.nursingald.com/

Nursing studies index, 1900-1959: An annotated guide to reported studies, research in progress, research methods and historical materials, in periodicals, books, and pamphlets published in English.


**Thompson, A.M.C.** (1968). *Bibliography of nursing literature, 1859-1960.* London: Royal College of Nursing. SP

**University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing** *Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing.* Records of hospitals, schools of nursing, nursing alumni associations, professional and military associations, and personal papers. [http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/history/](http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/history/) O


**INFORMATICS**


**CIN: Computers, Informatics, Nursing** (Bimonthly). Hagerstown, MD: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. MO


**Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)** Provides resources to promote and support nursing informatics through knowledge sharing, advocacy, collaboration, innovation, community affiliations, and advising on public policy. [http://www.himss.org/asp/topics_nursingInformatics.asp](http://www.himss.org/asp/topics_nursingInformatics.asp) O


**International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA)** Special Interest Group Nursing Informatics.
International nonprofit organization serving the needs of nurses in the field of nursing informatics. [http://www.imia.org/](http://www.imia.org/)

*Journal of the Medical Informatics Association* (Bi-monthly). London: BMJ. [http://jamia.bmj.com/](http://jamia.bmj.com/)


Nursing Education Research, Technology, and Information Management Advisory Council (NERTIMAC) National League for Nursing Advisory Council. Promotes nursing education research, evidence-based learning and teaching, the integration of technology into teaching and learning, and the integration of information management into nursing education. [http://www.nln.org/aboutln/nertimac.htm](http://www.nln.org/aboutln/nertimac.htm)


US Department of Health & Human Services *The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology*: Centralized government web location for information in Health Information Technology. [http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt](http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt)

**MANAGEMENT**

*JONA: Journal of Nursing Administration* (Monthly). Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. SO

*Journal of Nursing Care Quality* (Bimonthly). Frederick, MD.: Aspen. SO


*Nursing Management* (Monthly). Chicago: S-N Publications. SOP


**META-SITES FOR NURSING INFORMATION**

American Nurses Association *NursingWorld.* Gateway for links to ANA services and resources, including career information, credentialing, nursing standards, ethics, health policies, state nursing associations, and more. [http://nursingworld.org](http://nursingworld.org) O

American Nurses Credentialing Center Nurse credentialing organization site. Includes Magnet, credentialing, Pathway to Excellence, and CE information. [http://nursecredentialing.org](http://nursecredentialing.org) O

National Council of State Boards of Nursing Includes links to State Boards of Nursing, licensure, and NCLEX information. [http://ncsbn.org](http://ncsbn.org) O

National League for Nursing Organization for nurse faculty and leaders in nursing education. Offers links to faculty development programs, networking opportunities, testing and assessment, nursing research grants, and public policy initiatives. [http://www.nln.org](http://www.nln.org) O

Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section (NAHRS)/Medical Library Association Provides Section activities, newsletter, current research, and the nursing resources wiki, a collaborative project including information on free nursing resources such as ejournals, databases, and websites. [http://nahrs.mlanet.org](http://nahrs.mlanet.org) O


NursingCenter Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. Site for clinical and professional online information, including CE, 50+ nursing journals with table of contents and abstracts, certification and licensure guides, news updates, job opportunities, and nursing organizations. [http://nursingcenter.com](http://nursingcenter.com) O
Sigma Theta Tau International/Honor Society of Nursing Global community of nurse leaders from 86 countries. Links to international nursing associations, research grants, and more.  
http://www.nursingsociety.org

US National Institute of Nursing Research Links to funding for nursing research and research training.  
http://nins.nih.gov/ninr/

US National Library of Medicine Nursing on the net: Health care resources you can use. Web sampler of resources for nurse professionals.  
http://nnlm.gov/training/nursing/sampler.html

PATIENT SAFETY / QUALITY ASSURANCE

http://psnet.ahrq.gov/

American Hospital Association Patient safety. Articles that AHA scans and updates for users.  

American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists Patient Safety Resource Center. Fosters fail-safe medication use in health systems through advocacy, education, and research.  
http://www.ashp.org/Import/PRACTICEANDPOLICY/PracticeResourceCenters/PatientSafety.aspx


Canadian Nurses Association Patient safety resource guide.  


HealthGrades Research studies.Golden, CO: Health Grades. Largest annual studies of hospital quality in America, analyzing more than 40 million hospitalization records over the most recent three years. Each study provides the foundation for HealthGrades' hospital ratings as well as identifies national trends in hospital quality and patient safety.  
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Institute of Medicine of the National Academies (Search “patient safety”). Provides access to reports related to patient safety and quality, e.g., “To Err is Human: Building A Safer Healthcare System.” http://www.iom.edu O.


National Patient Safety Agency Coordinates efforts aimed at patient safety incidents occurring in the National Health Service, UK. http://npsa.nhs.uk O


US National Center for Patient Safety Established to develop a culture of safety throughout the Veterans Health Administration. http://www.patientsafety.gov O.

WHO Collaborating Centre for Patient Safety Solutions World Health Organization (WHO) designated the Joint Commission and Joint Commission International (JCI) as the WHO Collaborating Centre dedicated solely to patient safety. http://www.ccforpatientsafety.org/ O


PUBLIC HEALTH/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS


**Beach, M.**  (2010). *Disaster preparedness and management*. Philadelphia: Davis. SMOP


STATISTICS

Nursing


National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Disseminates data related to the licensure of nurses. [https://www.ncsbn.org/](https://www.ncsbn.org/) O


United States Health


US Census Bureau *State & county QuickFacts*. Facts by population, business, and geographical area; includes Census 2010 data. [http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/](http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/)


US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention *CDC WONDER*. WONDER online databases utilize a rich ad-hoc query system for the analysis of public health data. [http://wonder.cdc.gov/DataSets.html](http://wonder.cdc.gov/DataSets.html)

US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention *Health Data Interactive*. National health statistics for infants, children, adolescents, adults, older adults; can be customized by age, gender, race/ethnicity, and geographic location. [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hdi.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hdi.htm)


Data Aggregators

DataPlace Statistics aggregator that gathers commonly sought demographic, economic, business,
and housing statistical series from a variety of federal data-gathering organizations; provides several powerful, easy-to-use analytical tools for comparing and ranking data according to specifications.  http://www.dataplace.org

**Statistical DataSets** LexisNexis. Online service that enables researchers to build statistical tables and charts from multiple sources in a single interface; aggregates over 610 licensed and public domain data sets provided by over 55 sources. 16.0 billion data points accessible within a single interface; a module within LexisNexis Statistical Insight, covering published statistics and unpublished numeric data.  http://wiki.lexisnexis.com/statistical/index.php?title=Statistical_DataSets

**Federal Agencies as Key Sources for US Health Statistics**

**US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**  http://www.cdc.gov


  **FastStats**  *Hospital utilization (in non-Federal short-stay hospitals).*  http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/hospital.htm

  **FastStats A to Z** Quick access to statistics on topics of public health importance.  http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats


  **Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)**  http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr

  **National Center for Health Statistics** Principal vital and health statistics agency of the federal government.  http://www.cdc.gov/nchs


  **National Health Care Surveys**  http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/dhcs.htm

  **National Program of Cancer Registries(NPCR)**  http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr


Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Links to Research, Statistics and Data from Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). [https://www.cms.gov/](https://www.cms.gov/)


**General Health Compilations- United States**


National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA) Caregiving statistics. [http://www.thefamilycaregiver.org/who_are_family_caregivers/care_giving_statistics.cfm](http://www.thefamilycaregiver.org/who_are_family_caregivers/care_giving_statistics.cfm)


**General Health Compilations- International**


US Census Bureau International Data Base/IDB. Includes statistical tables with demographic, vital
statistics, and socioeconomic data for countries and regions of the world. http://www.census.gov/ipe/www/idb/ O


World Health Organization Global Health Observatory (GHO). Data and analyses on global health priorities. http://www.who.int/GHO/ O

Tools For Finding Statistics


US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC WONDER. Provides access to public health reports and data systems categorized by topic. http://wonder.cdc.gov


TOXICOLOGY, ENVIRONMENTAL, OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH


POISINDEX® Thomson Reuters. Substance identification and treatment for exposures to chemical and toxic substances, including household products. http://www.micromedex.com/products/poisindex/ $O


Regulations


US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) http://www.epa.gov/ $O

US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) http://www.fda.gov/default.htm $O


WRITERS’ MANUALS AND GUIDES


manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals: Writing and editing for biomedical publication. [http://www.icmje.org/urm_main.html](http://www.icmje.org/urm_main.html)

Mulford Health Sciences Library, University of Toledo (2011). Instructions to authors in the health sciences. Links to websites for >6,000 journals in the health and life sciences. [http://mulford.meduohio.edu/instr/](http://mulford.meduohio.edu/instr/)


Nurse Author & Editor (Quarterly). Free online newsletter from Wiley-Blackwell; articles offer advice on writing, avoiding rejection, finding publishing opportunities, editing, and reviewing. [http://www.nurseauthoreditor.com](http://www.nurseauthoreditor.com)


Saver, C. (2011). Anatomy of writing for publication for nurses. Indianapolis, IN: Sigma Theta Tau International. Includes different writing styles based on type of media including scholarly publications, clinical articles, online, social media, books, presentations, and more. [SOP](http://www.icmje.org/urm_main.html)