Finding the Evidence: Ask & Acquire

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Finding Nursing Evidence

Apply

Ask

Appraise

Acquire
Ask: Determine the Topic/Question

• Identify the concepts
• Identify synonymous terms for those concepts
• Combine the concepts and synonymous terms using OR and AND
  • See the Boolean Operators LibGuide
    http://guides.library.manoa.hawaii.edu/boolean
Ask: Identify the Concepts/Synonyms

Concept 1

• CAUTI OR Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection

Concept 2

• Intensive Care Unit OR OR Critical Care Unit
Ask: Combine the Concepts

**OR**

CAUTI OR catheter-associated urinary tract infection

**AND**

catheter-associated urinary tract infection AND intensive care unit
Ask: Combine the Concepts

(CAUTI OR catheter-associated urinary tract infection) AND (intensive care unit OR critical care unit)
Acquire: Select a Resource to Search
Acquire: Enter the Concepts

• Enter search strategy as a single statement
  • (CAUTI OR catheter-associated urinary tract infection) AND (intensive care unit OR critical care unit)

• Enter concepts separately and then combine them
  • #1  CAUTI OR catheter-associated urinary tract infection
  • #2  intensive care OR critical care
  • #3  #1 AND #2
Acquire: Limit/Filter the Search

- Publication date
- Age group
- Language
- Publication Type
- CINAHL-specific limits
  - Peer-reviewed journals
  - Research articles
  - Articles authored by nurses
Next Steps: LibGuide for CINAHL

- [http://guides.library.hawaii.edu/cinahl](http://guides.library.hawaii.edu/cinahl)

- Review the LibGuide
  - “Searching” tab
  - “Search Tips” tab
    - “Limits” sub-page

- Watch video tutorials
  - “Searching” tab
    - CINAHL with Full Text: Basic Searching (4 min.)
    - CINAHL with Full Text: Advanced Searching (4.5 min.)
Next Steps: LibGuide for PubMed

- [http://guides.library.manoa.hawaii.edu/pubmed](http://guides.library.manoa.hawaii.edu/pubmed)
- Review the LibGuide
  - “Searching” tab
  - “Search Tips” tab
- Watch video tutorials
  - “Searching” tab
    - Simple Subject Search (1 min.)
    - Advanced Search Builder (2 min.)
  - “Search Tips” tab → “Filters” sub-page
    - PubMed: The Filters Sidebar (2 min.)
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