ESSENTIAL Nursing Resources
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THE 24TH EDITION of the ICIRN Essential Nursing Resources list (formerly Essential Nursing References) is presented as a resource for locating nursing information and for collection development. The list includes print, multimedia, and electronic sources to support nursing practice, education, administration, and research activities. The most recent editions or websites available are included. The list was compiled to point to pathways for exploration, rather than be an end point, and to expand to multiple formats beyond traditional references. New sections in this edition are: Alerting Services/Blogs/RSS feeds (formerly Current Awareness), Consumer Health/Patient Education, Informatics, Public Health/Disaster Preparedness, and Patient Safety. Citations marked $$ indicate availability via subscription or through a library.

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META-SITES FOR NURSING INFORMATION
American Nurses Association’s Nursing World Links to state nurses associations and allied nursing organizations globally. www.nursingworld.org
Canadian Nursing Index Comprehensive links to education, employment, and other resources focused on needs of Canadian nurses. www.nursingindex.com
Hardin Meta Directory’s Nursing and Nursing Research University of Iowa. www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/mlb/nurs.html
Healthweb Nursing A collaborative project of the health sciences libraries of the Greater Midwest Region (GMR) of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) and of the Committee for Institutional Cooperation. www.healthweb.org/browse.cfm?subjectid=60
INTUTE: Health and Life Sciences UK gateway to high quality biomedical resources. Includes database access to resources included in NMAP, a guide to quality Internet resources in nursing, midwifery, and allied health professions. www.intute.ac.uk
National Institute of Nursing Research nnr.nih.gov/ninr/
National League for Nursing www.nln.org
NP Central Nonprofit site dedicated to practice development, advancement, and educational support of nurse practitioners and to the promotion of accessible, quality health care to the consumer. www.npcentral.net
Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section (NAHRS), Medical Library Association Member libraries, section activities, current research. nahr.library.kent.edu
Nursing Theory Page, USD Hahn School of Nursing www.sandiego.edu/academics/nursing/theory
NursingCenter Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins. Includes CE articles in full text with immediate test results and certificates; 50 nursing journals with table of contents and abstracts; databases of certification, licensure, and nursing organizations. www.nursingcenter.com
Online Journal of Issues in Nursing American Nurses Association. Example of a free, peer-reviewed, international, online publication. www.nursingworld.org/ojin/
PDA Resources & Services Yale University School of Medicine. Guide to free and licensed PDA applications for health care. www.med.yale.edu/library/technology/PDA/
Sigma Theta Tau International/Virginia Henderson Electronic Library Databases about nurse researchers and research, including abstracts of STTI and other nursing research conferences; tables of content for STTI publications Worldviews on Evidence-Based Nursing, Journal of Nursing Scholarship, and Reflections on Nursing Leadership. www.nursingsociety.org
ALERTING SERVICES/BLOGS/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.

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

EDUCASE 7 Things You Should Know About...RSS: What is it? Who's doing it? How does it work? and more
www.educase.edu/LibraryDetailPage/666/?ID=EL17024

MDLinx Nursing RSS feeds for nursing subspecialties
www.mdlinx.com/NurseLinx/feeds.cfm

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.
www.medscape.com/nurses/resource

NIH Clinical Alerts and Advisories RSS feeds for clinical alerts and advisories from NIH-funded clinical trials.
www.nlm.nih.gov/databases/alerts/clinical_alerts.html#alerts

NurseLinx.com Current abstracts from selected nursing and medical journals. Free daily email newsletter with brief abstracts and weblinks.
www.nurseinx.com

RSS feeds for Nursing CE, Reading, Journal Tables of Content, Drug Updates, and more. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.
www.nursingcenter.com/rss/rssfeed.asp

US National Library of Medicine RSS Feeds and Podcasts
www.nlm.nih.gov/Listserv/rss_podcasts.html

Forums and Electronic Discussion Lists
HealthWeb Nursing Discussion Lists
www.healthweb.org/browse.cfm?categoryid=1723


Nursing Discussion Forums University of Buffalo School of Nursing.
http://nursing.buffalo.edu/mccartny/nursing_discussion_forums.html

Sigma Theta Tau International E-Forums Free forums to post, search, discuss topics of concern to all nurses.

ARCHIVES
American Association for the History of Nursing Nonprofit, education, and government websites relevant to nursing history.
www.aahn.org/weblink.html

American College of Nurse Midwives ACNM Archives, 1910-1999.


Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center at Boston University History of nursing archives. Personal and professional papers of nursing leaders, schools of nursing records, public health and professional organizations, and early textbooks.
www.bu.edu/archives/holdings/historical/nursing.html


Inventory of the Estelle Massey Osborne Papers, 1943-1967 New York Public Library. Describes contents of correspondence, programs, and publications of this pioneer for black nurses.
www.nypl.org/research/manuscripts/scm/soosborn.xml


University of Pennsylvania/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.
www.nursing.upenn.edu/history/


AUDIOVISUALS
In addition to sources listed below, information on audiovisuals can be found in publishers' catalogs, library catalogs, CINAHL, and print and online catalogs of professional nursing organizations.


National Information Center for Educational Media (NICEM) Covers videotapes, films, audiocassettes, filmstrips, and other nonprint educational media. Records date back to 1900. Includes >630,000 indexed items. www.nicem.com


BIBLIOGRAPHIES/BOOK LISTS
In addition to sources listed below, information on new nursing books can be found in publishers' catalogs, library catalogs including locatorplus.gov, CINAHL, and print and online catalogs of professional nursing organizations.


Brandon Hill Selected Lists Selection guides for “Nursing,” the “Small Medical Library,” and “Allied Health.” Although not updated since 2002, these lists continue to be a starting point for collection and reference. www.mssm.edu/library/brandon-hill/


R. R. Bowker: Medical and Health Care Books and Serials in Print, 2007: An Index to Literature in the Health Sciences (two volumes, annual). New Providence, NJ. Subject, author, and title access to >109,000 English and foreign language books, US and foreign serials in medical and health subject areas.
BIOETHICS

Books


Websites

American Nurses Association Center for Ethics and Human Rights Center activities, bibliographies, code of ethics, policy development, position statements, and issues updates. www.nursingworld.org/ethics/

Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine News, resource links, events, special features, streaming video, funding sources. www.bioethics.upenn.edu/

International Code of Ethics for Nurses International Council of Nurses (ICN). Adopted in 1953 and revised and reaffirmed at various times since; also in French, Spanish, and German. www.icn.ch/icncode.pdf


Nursing Ethics at Boston College School of Nursing Resources, database, abstracts, reviews, collections, links, education. www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/son/ethics/

COMPLEMENTARY/ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

CAM is defined as diverse medical and health care systems, practices, and products that are not presently considered part of conventional medicine.

Reference Books and Reports


Databases

See also: Databases and Indexes.

$ Alt HealthWatch Focuses on many perspectives of complementary, holistic, and integrated approaches to health care/wellness. Indexes articles, reports, proceedings, pamphlets, booklets, special reports, original research, and book excerpts as well as association and consumer newsletters from >140 international sources. www.epnet.com/academic/default.asp


Cochrane Collaboration CAM Reviews Coordinated by University of Maryland Center for Integrative Medicine. Linked to abstracts and plain language summaries. www.cmpmed.umm.edu/Cochrane/index.html


Websites

American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) Nonprofit educational organization open to nurses and health care professionals interested in holistic health care. www.ahna.org


National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) Explores CAM healing practices in the context of rigorous science to train researchers and disseminate authoritative information to public and professionals. nccam.nih.gov

CONSUMER HEALTH/PATIENT EDUCATION

Books


Websites

ClinicalTrials.gov Explains benefits and risks of clinical trials and how to become a participant. Includes trials conducted by NIH, other federal agencies, and pharmaceutical companies. http://clinicaltrials.gov
### Databases and Indexes

Access to specialized databases is available from academic, hospital, and other libraries, including members of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM), www.nlm.nih.gov. Nurses may access these databases via library websites or directly from the vendor; also, contact a local health sciences library or closest Regional Medical Library (call 800/388-7657). For access to the US National Library of Medicine databases, check the NLM website at www.nlm.nih.gov/databases/. Always check with your library before paying for journal articles online as access via a library gateway may provide options for obtaining the full text of indexed content. Since full-text journal collections are marketed to libraries, not nurses, they are not listed here. Nurses may also obtain the full text of articles — both print and online — via professional memberships, personal subscriptions, and some websites.

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<td><strong>$S CINAHL® Database</strong> CINAHL Information Systems (CIS). Comprehensive coverage of professional English-language literature in nursing and 17 allied health disciplines. Selective coverage of biomedicine, consumer health, alternative medicine, health sciences librarianship, foreign nursing literature. Coverage from 1982 to date includes &gt;1 million records from &gt;1,800 indexed journals, plus books, book chapters, pamphlets, audiovisuals, educational software, nursing dissertations, selected conference proceedings, and standards of professional practice. Includes a cited references field for &gt;900 active journals from 1994 forward. Full text is included for selected research instruments, 73 journals, critical paths, and CIS-created documents such as legal case records and drug records, providing &gt;25,000 full-text documents. Subject access is available via the CINAHL Subject Heading List. <a href="http://www.oup.com/hss/topic.php?marketID=1&amp;topicID=53">www.oup.com/hss/topic.php?marketID=1&amp;topicID=53</a></td>
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<td><strong>MEDLINE</strong> US National Library of Medicine. Covers virtually every area in the broad field of biomedicine, including bioethics, health administration, toxicology, nursing, nutrition, pharmacology, medicine, psychiatry, medical engineering, and pathology, from &gt;4,600 US and international journals, 1966 to date, including those selected for Hospital and Health Administration Index, Index Medicus, Index to Dental Literature, and International Nursing Index. Available via many online vendors, each with its own search interface, most with access to online full text of selected journals. <a href="http://www.pubmed.gov">www.pubmed.gov</a></td>
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<td><strong>BNIPiUS (British Nursing Index)</strong> Bournemouth University, Poole Hospital NHS Trust, Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust, and the Royal College of Nursing. Includes &gt;220 nursing/midwifery and health-related journals with strong UK coverage, 1987 to present. Online and on CD-ROM. <a href="http://www.bnipius.co.uk">www.bnipius.co.uk</a></td>
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<td><strong>Buros Institute of Mental Measurement</strong> Includes Test Reviews Online, an index of descriptive information and critical reviews for &gt;1,900 commercially available standardized educational, personality, aptitude, psychological, and related English-language tests published in Mental Measurement Yearbooks. Also includes a test publisher index. <a href="http://www.unl.edu/buros">www.unl.edu/buros</a></td>
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<td><strong>Education Resources Information Center (ERIC)</strong> Sponsored by Institute of Education Sciences of the US Department of Education. Bibliographic database includes &gt;1.1 million citations going back to 1966. Free access to &gt;107,000 full-text, nonjournal documents. <a href="http://www.eric.ed.gov">www.eric.ed.gov</a></td>
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<td><strong>Educator's Reference Desk from Information Institute of Syracuse</strong> Lesson plans, websites, and other resources not included in ERIC. <a href="http://www.eduref.org">www.eduref.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>$$ EMBASE, Excerpta Medica Database</strong> Elsevier Science Publishing. Includes citations and abstracts of biomedical and pharmaceutical literature from &gt;6,500 international journals, 1974-present, many not covered in MEDLINE. Coverage of nursing journals is very limited. EMBASE.com adds citations from MEDLINE journals not in EMBASE, including nursing titles. <a href="http://www.embase.com">www.embase.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>$$ Gale Group Health Reference Center – Academic; Health &amp; Wellness Resource Center</strong> Gale offers various databases, including these two, that index &gt;700 health and medical journals, &gt;600 in full text. Diverse range of sources includes consumer health magazines, professional journals, pamphlets, medical reference books, topical overviews, and referral information. Also included are health-related articles from &gt;4,000 other business and general interest publications indexed by Gale. <a href="http://www.galegroup.com">www.galegroup.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>GPO Access Search</strong> US government databases individually or as a whole. Includes reports, studies, fact sheets, maps, handbooks, conference proceedings issued by all federal agencies, including Congress. Includes records of all Senate and House hearings on private and public bills and laws, as well as Code of Federal Regulations. Searchable topic “Health and Safety” is useful for governmental regulations, legislation, publications, and resources. <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/databases.html">www.gpoaccess.gov/databases.html</a></td>
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<td><strong>Health and Medicine in the News</strong> University of Minnesota Bio-Medical Library (1997 to present). Index to health-related articles in Star Tribune (Minneapolis edition). When possible includes full citation to published journal literature or meeting abstract behind the story. <a href="http://www.biomed.lib.umn.edu/hmned">www.biomed.lib.umn.edu/hmned</a></td>
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ESSENTIAL NURSING RESOURCES

ISI Web of Knowledge Institute for Scientific Information (ISI). Includes Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), an international, multidisciplinary index to the literature of the social, behavioral, and related sciences, including nursing. Also includes Science Citation Index and Arts and Humanities Citation Index. www.isinet.com/products/citation/

LocatorPlus National Library of Medicine's online catalog, covering all catalogued titles, including books, serials, audiovisuals, and reports. Bibliographic data from NLM's previously published format-specific indexes have been merged into this file. http://locatorplus.gov/


PsychINFO American Psychological Association. International literature in psychology and related behavioral and social sciences, including psychiatry, sociology, anthropology, education, pharmacology, and linguistics. Records include citations to journal articles, dissertations, reports, book chapters, books, and other scholarly documents. Most include abstracts. www.apa.org/psychinfo/

Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library Features searchable Registry of Nursing Research database and links to other nursing resources. www.nursinglibrary.org

Evidence-Based Practice Databases/Indexes/Resources

In addition to research published in journals, dissertations, and other scholarly sources, the following resources provide support for evidence-based practice (EBP). Critical abstracts from many of the following sources, as well as those published in many other journals, are indexed in the CINAHL database with publication types “Journal Article,” “Abstract,” and “Commentary.”

ABSTRACTS AND COMMENTARIES

ACP Journal Club (1991-) Bimonthly journal from American College of Physicians, with commentaries. Online access comes with subscription and includes additional features. www.acpjc.org

Bandolier (1994-) Monthly independent evidence-based health care journal from the UK. Commentaries appear on website two to three months following print publication. www.jr2.ox.ac.uk/bandolier/index.html


RAPid and the RAP Library Database of peer-reviewed critical appraisals from the Joanna Briggs Institute. www.joannabriggs.edu.au/services/rapid.php


BEST PRACTICES/ PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Best practices are available from many sources, including journals and other resources indexed in CINAHL and MEDLINE. CINAHL publication types to consider include Care Plan, Clinical Innovations, Critical Path, Practice Guidelines, Protocol and Standards. Also, consider Evidence-Based Care Sheets available in CINAHLPlus. “Practice Guideline” is also available as a MEDLINE publication type. See also nursing specialty organizations.

AHRQ Evidence Based Practice Links to Evidence-based Practice Center (EPC) Evidence Reports. www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epcix.htm

Evidence-Based Medicine Resource Center New York Academy of Medicine links to clinical practice guidelines. www.embry.org/cpg.html


SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS

Berkeley Systematic Reviews Group A website dedicated to summarizing and conducting methodological research in the fields of systematic review and meta-analyses. Provides training and extensive links. www.medprei.net/meta/

The Cochrane Library Cochrane Collaboration. Four full-text databases that cover the subject area of evidence-based medicine: Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR), Database of Abstracts of Reviews and Effectiveness (DARE), Cochrane Controlled Trials Register (CCTR), and Cochrane Review Methodology Database (CRMD). Cochrane Reviews are also indexed in CINAHL, MEDLINE, and the TRIP database. www.cochrane.org

Health Technology Assessment (NHS Health Technology Assessment Programme). www.nhctta.org


EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE META-SEARCH TOOLS

These tools search multiple sources and organize results according to the EBP categories noted above.

SUMsearch From Department of Clinical Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Simultaneously searches PubMed MEDLINE, DARE, and the National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC). Includes search filters for clinical queries, and extends systematic review searches to MEDLINE when DARE does not provide sufficient results. http://sumsearch.uthscsa.edu

TRIP database (Turning Research Into Practice) TRIP Database Ltd. in the UK. Searches >75 websites with high quality medical information. Subscription database, with limited free access. www.tripdatabase.com

META-SITES FOR EVIDENCE-BASED NURSING PRACTICE

Numerous websites are devoted to evidence-based medicine and the overarching concept of evidence-based practice. These sites are a sampling of those focused on nursing and interdisciplinary EBP.

Academic Center for Evidence-Based Nursing (ACE) University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Includes model for ACE Star Model of Knowledge Transformation®, which demonstrates diffusion of innovation from research to practice. www.acestar.uthscsa.edu/About.htm

Centre for Evidence-Based Nursing, University of York www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/centres/evidence/ebn.htm

Joanna Briggs Institute Site for Evidence-Based Nursing www.joannabriggs.edu.au/about/ebn_nursing.php

Sigma Theta Tau International/Nursing Knowledge International STTI subsidiary offers access to free and fee-based evidence-based nursing resources developed by leading organizations around the globe. www.nursingknowledge.org/Portal/main.aspx
The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) began this initiative to support environmental health knowledge, skills, and awareness among nurses who serve individuals and communities. www.atsdrcdc.gov/EHN/


Hazardous Substances Release/Health Effects Database (HaZDat) Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). Database with information on the release and effects of hazardous substances from Superfund sites or from emergency events. www.atsdrcdc.gov/hazardat.html

$ Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) Internet Resources for MSDS Interactive Learning Paradigms, Inc. Annotated bibliography of 100 free Internet sources of information on MSDS, including approximate number of data sheets for listed organizations. www.ilsa.com/msds#Internet

MSDS-SEARCH (National MSDS Repository) MSDS-SEARCH, Inc. Access to >1 million MSDS sources. www.msdsssearch.com


$ POISINDEX® System Thomson Micromedex. Commercial database with substance identification and treatment for exposures to chemical and toxic substances, including household products. www.micromedex.com/products/poisindex/

US National Library of Medicine, Environmental Health and Toxicology SIS (Specialized Information Services) Links to specialized databases such as Toxline, Haz-Map, Household Products, Review of PDA Applications in Toxicology & Environmental Health, WISER (Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders). http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro.html

Regulations

Federal Government Agencies Regulatory information and links to drugs, toxicology, environmental, and occupational health on websites of US agencies: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at www.epa.gov/epahome/rules.html; Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at www.fda.gov/opacom/laws/; and Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) at www.osha.gov


EDUCATION/CAREER INFORMATION


All Nursing Schools Directory searchable by location, degree, and/or subject area. www.allnursingschools.com

American Association of Colleges of Nursing www.aacn.nche.edu

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Officially recognized by the US Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency for nursing programs at the baccalaureate level and above. www.aacn.nche.edu/Accreditation/

GradSchools.com Nursing graduate school directory. www.gradschools.com/listings/menus/nursing_menu.html

HealthWeb Taubman Medical Library, University of Michigan. List of academic institutions for nursing education programs in Canada, the US, and abroad. healthweb.org/browse.cfm?categoryid=1724

National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. (NLNAC). Officially recognized by the US Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency for nursing programs at all levels. Lists accredited programs at www.nlnac.org


US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Division of Nursing. Education and practice grant programs, scholarship/loan programs, data, and reports. http://bhpc.hrsa.gov/nursing/


US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. National occupational employment and wage estimates for RNs; LPNs; LVNs; nursing instructors and teachers, postsecondary; nursing aides, orderlies, attendants, and more. www.bls.gov/bls/bls wage.htm

GRANTS RESOURCES

Directories and Databases

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Grants On-Line Database (GOLD) www.gold.ahrq.gov/ Links to Funded Grants Submitted by Nurses: 1980-2005 and summaries of funded grants for which nurses were the principal investigators. www.ahrq.gov/about/nursing/nursfund1.htm


Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Database of federal programs available to state and local governments; federally recognized Indian tribal governments; territories (and possessions) of the US; domestic public, quasi-public, and private profit/nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals. www.cfda.gov

Council on Foundations Membership organization of >2,000 grant-making foundations and giving programs worldwide. www.cof.org

CRISP (Computer Retrieval of Information on Scientific Projects) Searchable database of federally funded biomedical research projects and award information conducted at universities, hospitals, and other research institutions. http://crisp.cit.nih.gov

Foundation Center Lists private, corporate, public, nonprofit, and community foundations. Fee-based Foundation Directory Online, with >80,000 listings. http://fdncenter.org. For individual grant-seeker access, see: http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/individuals/index.html

GrantsNet Links to >900 grant programs offered by 26 federal grant-making agencies; funding opportunities at www.grants.gov. Includes roadmap to the grant-seeking process and other resources. www.hhs.gov/grantsnet/

Guidestar: The National Database of Nonprofit Organizations Information on >850,000 IRS-recognized nonprofit organizations. Links to 12 sites that offer assistance to nonprofit organizations seeking grant money and a tutorial on how to find grant information. www.guidestar.org

HRSA. Bureau of Health Professions: Nursing Nurse Education and Practice Grant Programs. bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/

Michigan State University Libraries, Grants for Individuals: Nursing Meta-site listing nursing organizations that offer scholarships and grants to individuals, including MinorityNurse.Com scholarship listings. www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3nursing.htm


Training, Handbooks, and Periodicals


Chronicle of Philanthropy Grant-related conferences, seminars, and workshops. Journal also includes current issues, funding announcements, and a “Guide to Grants.” http://philanthropy.com

COS Funding News Weekly sampling of new and updated award information from the Community of Science Funding Opportunities. http://fundingopportunities2.cos.com/news/


Foundation Center Virtual Classroom Online training (tools, demos, tutorials). http://fdncenter.org/learn/classroom/index.html


HISTORY OF NURSING


American Association for the History of Nursing (AAHN) Nursing history primer, selected nursing history books, and a bibliography for historical methodology. www.aahn.org/primer.html


INFORMATICS

Books


Websites

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality www.ahrq.gov

American Nurses Association Committee for Nursing Practice Information Infrastructure (CNPII) http://nursingworld.org/nipi/committee.htm

American Nursing Informatics Association ANIA seeks to promote nursing informatics through communication, education, research, and professional activities. Site offers information on goals, meetings, conferences, membership, and related sites. www.ania.org/

AMIA Nursing Informatics Working Group (NI-WG) Represents the interests of nursing informatics and of the Working Group members. Included are links to annual and current activities, recent newsletters, bylaws, and related sites. www.amia.org/nbcenter/wg/ni/

CARING (Connecting, Sharing & Advancing Healthcare Informatics) Advances the delivery of quality health care through the integration of informatics in practice, education, administration, and research. www.caringonline.org/ncf/page.do

Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHI election.org

Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society, Nursing Informatics HIMSS provides resources to promote and support the field of nursing informatics through knowledge sharing, advocacy, collaboration, innovation, community affiliations, and advising on public policy. www.himss.org/ASP/topics_nursinginformatics.asp

Health Information Technology US Department of Health & Human Services. The American Health Information Community (AHIC) is a federal advisory body, chartered in 2005 to make recommendations to the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services on how to accelerate the development and adoption of health information technology. www.hhs.gov/healthit/

Health Level 7 (HL7) www.hl7.org

IMIA Nursing Informatics Special Interest Group International nonprofit organization serving the needs of nurses in the field of nursing informatics. Working groups are of specific interest. www.imia.org/ni/

International Organization for Standardization www.iso.org

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) www.nchvhs.hhs.gov/sssmem.htm


Nursing Education Research, Technology, and Information Management Advisory Council (NERTIMAC) Advisory council within the National League for Nursing (NLN) that 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. www.nln.org/aboutnl/nertimac.htm

Nursing Information & Data Set Evaluation Center (NIDSEC) www.nursingworld.org/nidsec/

Tiger Initiative: Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform. Works to "catalyze a dynamic, sustainable and productive relationship" between Alliance for Nursing Informatics (ANI) and the major nursing organizations. www.umbc.edu/tiger/index.html


PATIENT SAFETY

Books


Websites


American Hospital Association Patient safety articles that AHA scans and updates for users. www.aha.org/aha/resource-center/bibliography/patient-safety.html


Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) Patient Safety First Resources www.patientsafetyfirst.org/healthcare/resources.html


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Department of Defense (DoD) Patient Safety Center
http://dodpatientsafety.usuhs.mil/

Institute for Safe Medication Practice (ISMP) The nation’s only 501c(3) nonprofit organization devoted entirely to medication error prevention and safe medication use. www.ismp.org/

Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. Workplace. Links to projects, events, and reports concerning occupational health and safety. www.iom.edu/CMS/3724.aspx

Joint Commission International Center for Patient Safety www.jcipatientsafety.org/


National Center for Patient Safety Established to develop and nurture a culture of safety throughout the Veterans Health Administration. www.patientsafety.gov/

National Center for Research Resources Recommendations to General Clinical Research Centers (GCRCs) for Patient Safety in Clinical Research. www.ncrr.nih.gov/clinical/reports/patientsafety/20010622.asp

National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention (NCC MERP) www.nccmerp.org/councilRecc.html

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

National Quality Forum Nursing Care Quality at NQF. Links to 15 consensus standards for “nursing sensitive care.” www.qualityforum.org/nursing/


PUBLIC HEALTH/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
AHRQ Public Health Preparedness www.ahrq.gov/prep/index.html


CDC Emergency Preparedness and Response Site Portal for CDC’s information about bioterrorist agents, diseases, and other threats. www.bt.cdc.gov/


International Nursing Coalition for Mass Casualty Education (INCMCE) Coordinated by Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. www.incmce.org/


Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce Collaborative effort of government agencies, public health organizations, and health science libraries to assist the public health workforce to find and use information effectively to improve and protect the public’s health. http://phpartners.org/

Public Health Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice http://nursingworld.org/books/pdscr.cfm?cnum=15#06SSPH

Public Health Nursing Section of American Public Health Association www.apha.org/sections/phn/


STATISTICS
Books /Articles


Meta-Sites
Most universities with schools of nursing have meta-sites for statistical resources on the Internet. For example:

Columbia University's Electronic Data Service www.columbia.edu/acis/eds/

Columbia University: Data on the Internet. Links to data providers, extractors, meta-sites for data, data archives. www.columbia.edu/acad/educ/inside_data/internet.html

Cornell University http://people.cornell.edu/pages/df36/YYYYDDDataResources.htm

Emory University www.healthlibrary.emory.edu/index.php?module=page-master&page=Detail&PAGE_user_op=view_page&PAGE_id=119


Government Sites

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) (Formerly Agency for Health Care Policy and Research) www.ahrq.gov/ Health insurance, use of health services and health care expenditures, health insurance of minorities. Data and surveys at: www.ahrq.gov/data/

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's Health Care Cost and Utilization Project www.ahrq.gov/data/hcup/

Annual Capital Expenditures Survey www.census.gov/esa/ace/pubs.html

Bureau of Economic Analysis www.bea.gov/


Centers for Disease Control and Prevention A-Z list of topics with links to “statistics.” www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Links to Data Compendium with data on Medicare enrollment and Medicaid recipients, expenditures, and utilization. State-by-state and national data on prescription drugs in Medicaid; free downloads of datasets. www.cms.hhs.gov/researchers/
Childstats.gov America’s Children Includes key indicators of child well-being. www.childstats.gov/americaschildren/

DataWeb Collaboration between US Census Bureau and the CDC. www.thedataweb.org/

FedStats Link by topic, geography, agency, or A-Z list, including health topics A-Z. www.fedstats.gov


Health Care Finance Agency Public Use Data Files (PUD), National Health Care Indicators and Expenditures, Clinical Practice Expense Program (CPEP), Resource-Based Practice Expenditure Data Files, actuarial tables, databases for Medicare and Medicaid information. www.cms.hhs.gov/home/rsds.asp

HHS Data Resources, Metadirectory Description and links for virtually all statistical and surveillance systems supported by HHS agencies. http://aspe.hhs.gov/datamcl/datadir/index.shtml

HRSA Bureau of Health Professions – Division of Nursing Source for US nursing workforce information, as well as nursing education and practice grant programs. http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/

National Center for Education Statistics http://nces.ed.gov/


National Hospital Discharge and Ambulatory Surgery Summary www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/hdads/nhds.htm


State Data Center Program www.census.gov/sdc/www/

Statistical Abstract of the United States Authoritative and comprehensive summary of statistics on social, political, and economic organization of the US. www.census.gov/compendia/statatab/

US Census Bureau Gateway to Census 2000, maps, population data by subject, special topics including National Data Book. www.census.gov/ Fact Finder from the Us Census Bureau: http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en


Organizations and International Sources

AACN's Institutional Data Systems (IDS) and Research Center American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Authoritative national databank of current statistics on student enrollment, graduations, and faculty salaries in baccalaureate/graduate nursing programs. www.aacn.nche.edu/Publications/instdata.htm

Interagency Collaborative on Nursing Statistics (ICONS) Association of individuals from a variety of organizations who are responsible for the development, compilation, and analysis of data on nurses and the settings in which they practice. www.iconsdata.org

Kaiser Family Foundation Latest state-level data on demographics, health, and health policy, including health coverage, access, financing, and state legislation and budgets. www.kff.org/statepolicy/index.cfm Includes source for state health data. www.statehealthfacts.org/

March of Dimes PerStats Perinatal Data Center, with free access to aggregated US, state, county, and city maternal/infant health data. www.marchofdimes.com/perstats/

National League for Nursing Data on all nursing education programs in the USA and its territories. www.nln.org/research/index.htm


Pan American Health Organization www.paho.org


Tools


Interactive Statistical Calculation Web Pages Comprehensive set of tools described as “web pages that perform statistical calculations.” http://StatPages.org

Martindale’s Calculators Online Center Meta-site for Medical, Health, and Nutrition calculators. www.martindalecenter.com/Calculators.html


The Qual Page, Tufts University Resources for qualitative researchers. www.qualitativeresearch.uq.edu/QualPage/

WRITERS’ MANUALS AND GUIDES


Nurse Author & Editor: Blackwell Publishing. Free online newsletter, published quarterly; articles offer advice on writing, avoiding rejection, finding publishing opportunities, editing, and reviewing. www.nurseauthoreditor.com/


Raymond H. Mulford Library/Medical College of Ohio Instructions to Authors in the Health Sciences. Links to websites for >5,500 journals in the health and life sciences. http://mulford.mco.edu/instr