LIBRARY ORIENTATION
Developing Professional Research Skills

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GOALS OF LEARNING LIBRARY RESEARCH SKILLS

• Using research to inform patient care
• Making decisions and recommendations based on evidence
• Keeping up to date with the latest evidence
• Being able to access and evaluate high quality research
LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR THIS CLASS

• Know where to get help
• Know how to find and use your library research guide
• Be able to find resources on your topic using Summon and PubMed
• Know how to narrow your searches and use database tools
• Know resources to help you use the NLM/Vancouver citation style and evaluate research
GETTING HELP

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Woodward Library Reference Desk
  Mon.- Fri. 9-5, Sat. 1-4
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AskAway – Chat with librarians from across BC
  Library homepage → Ask Us!

Workshop - events.library.ubc.ca/
EVALUATING INFORMATION

Always keep in mind what kind of information you want and consider ….

• The author and affiliated organizations
• The intended audience
• Type of study – higher level of evidence?
• Their research methods
• Who and what they cited
• The format – images, proper citations, etc.
• Bias and language used
• Currency – have there been major changes since it was published?
UBC LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

UBC Library Collections include:

- Over 7 million items (print and electronic)
- Access to more than 2.1 million e-books
- Access to more than 370,000 journal titles
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Core Databases

• PubMed
• CINAHL
• ERIC
• EBM Reviews (Cochrane databases)
• ACP Journal Club

Additional Resources

• Anatomy TV
• DynaMed
• BMJ Best Practice
• ClinicalKey
STUDY SPACES
Enter your search terms here to search the Library’s books & articles, as well as content available free online.
SUMMON SEARCH FEATURES

Use " " to search for phrases and combine synonyms with OR to make your search more thorough.

Limit to Scholarly Articles, Journal Articles or Books/eBooks, or by Publication Date.

Add articles to a temporary folder to print or email.
GENERATING KEYWORDS

Develop a search strategy by brainstorming keywords on your topic

• Identify distinct concepts in your research question or topic

• Brainstorm keywords for each concept, including synonyms and related terms
Limit your search by article type, date, or population. Click here for more filters.

Suggested articles with your terms in the title.

How did PubMed interpret your search?
Click here to see search terms that you can use.
Searching terms added to the article to help describe it. If one of these fits your topic try using it!

Add to a collection to look at later
Browse Similar Articles to find more
CINAHL

CINAHL is a core allied health database. PubMed and CINAHL are both great places to start your research!

See UBC Library’s 1-3 min videos for quick tips on how to search CINAHL guides.library.ubc.ca/CINAHL
WHAT WE COVERED

- Dental Hygiene Research Guide and Library services and supports
- Searching Summon and PubMed to find course readings and research for your assignments

FEEDBACK

Please use the blue cards to write one thing about today’s session that you liked and can take away and use, and one thing that could be improved.