

ESSENTIAL Nursing Resources

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THE 25TH 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 and electronic sources to support nursing practice, education, administration, and research activities. The most recent editions or websites are 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. A new section in this edition is Cultural Competencies. Databases and 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

INTUTE: Nursing, Midwifery, and Allied Health UK gateway to high quality biomedical resources. www.intute.ac.uk/healthandlifesciences/nursing/

National Institute of Nursing Research www.ninr.nih.gov/ninr/

National League for Nursing www.nln.org

Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section (NAHRS), Medical Library Association Section activities, newsletter, current research, nursing resources wiki. www.nahrs.mlanet.org

Nursing Theory Page University of San Diego Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science. www.sandiego.edu/academics/nursing/theory/

Nursing on the Net: Health Care Resources You Can Use Web sampler of resources for nurse professionals provided by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM). www.nlm.gov/training/nursing/sampler.html

NursingCenter Lippincott Williams & 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 free, peer-reviewed, international, online publication. www.nursingworld.org/ojin/

PDA/Mobile Devices Resources & Information Yale University School of Medicine. Guide to free and licensed PDA and mobile devices applications for health care. www.med.yale.edu/library/technology/PDA/

Sigma Theta Tau International/Honor Society of Nursing 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>

EDUCAUSE (2007). *7 Things You Should Know About...RSS. What is it? Who's doing it? How does it work? and more.*

www.educause.edu/LibraryDetailPage/666?ID=ELI7024/

Lippincott's Nursing Center.com Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. RSS feeds for nursing CE, reading articles, journal tables of content, and more. www.nursingcenter.com/rss/rssfeed.asp

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/

US National Library of Medicine NLM RSS Feeds for News, Podcasts, and Webcasts. www.nlm.nih.gov/listserv/rss_podcasts.html

FORUMS AND ELECTRONIC DISCUSSION LISTS

CCN-L Deals with critical care nursing issues. <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ccn-l/>

GLOBALRN Worldwide Internet email discussion list on culture and health care issues. www.nurseweb.ucsf.edu/www/globalrn.htm

NPIInfo List for nurse practitioners. <http://lists.nurse.net/mailman/listinfo/npinfo/>

NURSENET: A Global Forum for Nursing Issues www.lsoft.com/scripts/wl.exe?SLI=NURSENET&H=LISTSERV.ARIZONA.EDU

Nurses In Recovery List began for recovering nurses, but now all recovering health care professionals are welcome to join. www.brucienne.com/nir/

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

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.

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

Clamp, C. G. L., Gough, S., & Land, L. (2005). *Resources for nursing research: An annotated bibliography* (4th ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. Covers books, journals, and Internet resources from 1980s+. Table of contents and selected pages searchable with limited preview on website. <http://books.google.com/books?vid=ISBN0761949917/>

💰 **Doody's Review Service** Expert reviews of medical, nursing, and allied health books and software. Includes *Doody's Core Titles in the Health Sciences*, which replaces the classic Brandon-Hill guides for Nursing, Small Medical Library, and Allied Health. www.doody.com/dej.htm

Lomax, E., & Setterlund, S. K. (2005). A virtual reference shelf for nursing students and faculty: Selected sources. *Journal of Library Administration*, 44(1-2), 429-451. Both free and fee-based electronic references. Includes Web and PDA sources.

Medical and health care books and serials in print, 2009: An index to literature in the health sciences. (2009). New Providence, NJ: Bowker. Two volumes, annual. Subject, author, and title access to >115,000 English and foreign language books, US and foreign serials in medical and health subject areas.

BIOETHICS

American Nurses Association *Center for Ethics and Human Rights*. Activities, bibliographies. www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards.aspx

American Nurses Association (2001). *Code of ethics for nurses with interpretive statements*. Washington, DC: American Nurses Publishing. Table of Contents online at: www.nursingworld.org/ethics/code/protected_nwcoe813.htm

Bioethics Information Resources Interface to PubMed for journal citations concerning bioethics. Links to other bioethics-related resources. www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/bioethics.html

Brody, B.A., Rothstein, M.A., McCullough, L.B., & Bobinski, M.A. (2000). *Medical ethics: Codes, opinions, and statements*. Washington, DC: Bureau of National Affairs.

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

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

National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature (NRCBL) Kennedy Institute of Ethics, 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/NRC/>

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

Post, S. G. (Ed.). (2004). *Encyclopedia of bioethics* (3rd ed.). New York: Macmillan Reference USA.

Schroeter, K., Derse, A., Junkerman, C., & Schiedermayer, D. (2002). *Practical ethics for nurses and nursing students: A short reference manual*. Hagerstown, MD: University Publishing Group.

Walters, L. (2009). *Bibliography of bioethics*. Washington, DC: Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University. Annual index containing >7,000 citations to documents in bioethics, derived from citations added to the NLM databases. Comprehensive access to literature on ethical, legal, and public policy aspects of health care and biomedical research.

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.

💰 **Alt HealthWatch** EBSCO. Complementary, holistic, and integrated approaches to health care and wellness. Consists of periodicals, peer-reviewed journals, academic and professional publications, magazines, consumer newsletters, pamphlets, and research reports. www.ebscohost.com/titlelists/

💰 **AltMedDex** Covers herbals, vitamins, minerals, dietary supplements, Chinese medicine, acupuncture. www.micromedex.com/products/altmeddex/

💰 **AMED** Allied and complementary medicine. Produced by the British Library. Bibliographic database covering 510 journals in alternative medicine, palliative care, and several professions allied to medicine. www.ovid.com/site/catalog/Catalog-Data-Base.jsp

CAM on PubMed Bibliographic citations from National Library of Medicine's PubMed (Medline) database limited to CAM subset. <http://nccam.nih.gov/research/camonpubmed/>

Cochrane CAM Reviews Links to abstracts and summaries. www.cochrane.org/reviews/

Freeman, L. (2009). *Mosby's complementary and alternative medicine: A research-based approach* (3rd ed.). St. Louis, MO: Mosby Elsevier.

HerbMed Database providing access to the scientific data underlying the use of herbs for health. www.herbmed.org

Jacobs, B., & Gundling, K. (2009). *The ACP evidence-based guide to complementary and alternative medicine*. Philadelphia: American College of Physicians.

Jonas, W.B. (Ed.). (2005). *Mosby's dictionary of complementary & alternative medicine*. St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Mosby.

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) Explores CAM healing practices and disseminates authoritative information to the public and professionals. www.nccam.nih.gov

💰 **Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database** Evidence-based, individual monographs on >1,000 natural medicines, including interactions with drugs and foods, safety and effectiveness ratings, and mechanism of action. www.naturaldatabase.com

💰 **Natural Standard** Provides evidence-based information about CAM therapies. Includes herbs/dietary supplements, alternative practices (modalities), exercises, and medical conditions. Validated rating scales are used to evaluate the quality of available evidence. Subset of *Natural Standard* available free through *MedlinePlus*. www.naturalstandard.com

PDR for herbal medicines (4th ed.). (2007). Montvale, NJ: Thompson.

Pelletier K. (2007). *The best alternative medicine: What works? What does not?* Darby, PA: Diane.

CONSUMER HEALTH/PATIENT EDUCATION

AHFS Consumer Medication Information American Society of Health System Pharmacists. Information on >1,000 medications. www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bookshelf/br.fcgi?book=meds/

American Medical Association family medical guide (4th ed.). (2004). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.

ClinicalTrials.gov Explains benefits and risks of clinical trials and how to become a participant. Locates federally and privately supported clinical trials on diseases and conditions. www.clinicaltrials.gov

Cochrane Consumer Network (CCNET) Free summaries and systematic reviews from the Cochrane Collaboration. www.cochrane.org/consumers/

Connolly, J. (2009). *America's top doctors* (8th ed.). New York: Castle Connolly.

💰 **Detailed Drug Information for the Consumer** Thomson Reuters. www.micromedex.com/products/ddic/

FamilyDoctor.org Patient guide on conditions, healthy living, seniors, over-the-counter medicines, and videos from American Academy of Family Physicians. www.familydoctor.org

Griffith, H., & Moore, W. (2009). *Complete guide to prescription & non-prescription drugs 2009*. New York: Penguin Putnam.

💰 **Health Reference Center** and **Health & Wellness Resource Center** Gale. Indexes peer-reviewed journals in medicine, health, nursing and allied health, and other health-related areas. Back files to 1980; these databases often found in public libraries. www.galegroup.com

MayoClinic.com Medical and health information on symptoms, causes, and treatment options for 800 diseases and conditions. www.mayoclinic.com

MedicineNet Part of the WebMD network providing authoritative medical information for consumers on conditions, diseases, tests, and procedures. www.medicinenet.com

MedlinePlus Invaluable resources for patient teaching, drug and disease links, tutorials, and ready reference. Includes interactive health tutorials, preformatted PubMed searches, etc. <http://medlineplus.gov>

Porter, R. (2009). *Merck manual of medical information: Home edition* (3rd ed). Whitehouse Station, NJ: Merck. Covers most information contained in physician's version with addition of chapter on over-the-counter drugs and anatomy and physiology. Also available: www.merck.com/pubs/mmanual_home/

Spatz, M. (2009). *Answering consumer health questions: The Medical Library Association guide for reference librarians*. New York: Neal Schuman.

"Top Ten" Most Useful Websites for Health Consumers Medical Library Association. www.mlanet.org/resources/medspeak/top10.html

UpToDate for Patients Continuously updated consumer literature reviews on health topics from A to Z. www.uptodate.com/patients/

CULTURAL COMPETENCY

A key ingredient in reducing or eliminating disparities in access to and quality of 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. (2008). *Cultural competency in baccalaureate nursing education*. Contains an excellent tool kit that identifies significant content, teaching-learning activities, and resources to help faculty integrate cultural competency in nursing curricula. Extensive bibliography included. www.aacn.nche.edu/Education/cultural.htm

Betancourt, J.R., Green, A.R., & Carrillo, J.E. (2002). *Cultural competence in health care: Emerging frameworks and practical approaches*. Funded by Commonwealth Fund, describes barriers and benefits to providing culturally competent care and models of programs that provide such care. www.commonwealthfund.org

Ethnomed Includes information about various issues related to health care of diverse populations. Each cultural profile includes a description of the group's country of origin, language, interpersonal relations, and health/death issues. www.ethnomed.org

Jeffreys, M.R. (2006). *Teaching cultural competence in nursing and health care: Inquiry, action, and innovation*. New York: Springer. Includes strategies for teaching cultural competence throughout one's professional life.

National Quality Forum. (2009). *A comprehensive framework and preferred practices for measuring and reporting cultural competency: A consensus report*. Washington, DC: Author. Describes practices helpful in encouraging the provision of culturally appropriate, patient-centered care. Executive summary available online: www.qualityforum.org/Publications/2009/04/A_Comprehensive_Framework_and_Prefered_Practices_for_Measuring_and_Reporting_Cultural_Competency.aspx

Smedley, B.D., Stith, A.Y. & Nelson, A.R. (Eds.) (2002). *Unequal treatment: Confronting racial and ethnic disparities in health care*. Washington, DC: National Academies Press.

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 Health Resources and Services Administration. (2009). *Cultural competence resources for health care providers*. Includes assessment tools, websites specific to different cultures, languages, special populations, and diseases in specific populations. www.hrsa.gov/culturalcompetence/

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://cnm.thinkculturalhealth.org>

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), nml.gov. Access these databases via library website or directly from vendor. Also, contact local health sciences library or closest Regional Medical Library (800/388-7657). For access to US National Library of Medicine (NLM) databases, check the NLM website at www.nlm.nih.gov/databases/. Full-text journal collections and bundled resources of databases/scholarly journals/magazines/multimedia/evidence syntheses are marketed as point-of-care resources to libraries, not nurses; representative collections are listed here. Obtain the full text of articles — both print and online — via institutional libraries, professional memberships, personal subscriptions, and some websites.

CORE NURSING AND HEALTH CARE DATABASES

\$\$ CINAHLPlus Database EBSCO. Covers nursing, biomedicine, health sciences librarianship, alternative/complementary medicine, consumer health, and 17 allied health disciplines. Provides indexing for >4,180 journals; contains >2.3 million records dating back to 1937, with complete coverage of English-language journals and publications from National League for Nursing and American Nurses Association. Also offers access to health care books, book chapters, pamphlets, nursing dissertations, selected conference proceedings, standards of practice, education software, and audiovisuals. Full-text material includes 77 journals plus clinical innovations, critical paths, research instruments, evidence-based care sheets, quick lessons, and clinical trials. More than 1,404 indexed journals in CINAHLPlus have searchable cited references; subject access available via CINAHL Subject Heading List. The CINAHL database covers 2,968 journals. Full-text versions available for both CINAHLPlus and CINAHL databases. www.ebscohost.com

MEDLINE/PubMed National Library of Medicine. Contains >18 million references to articles published in >5,200 current biomedical journals from the United States and 80 other countries. 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 late 1940s to the present, with some older material. Available via many online vendors, each with its own search interface, most with access to online full text of selected journals. Searching is free using NLM PubMed at: <http://pubmed.gov>

NLM Gateway National Library of Medicine gateway.nlm.nih.gov/gw/Cmd Gateway searches PubMed, LocatorPlus, MedlinePlus, and many others noted at www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets/

RELATED / SPECIALIZED DATABASES

Nursing research and publications may be found in a variety of databases; consult with your local librarian about your topic.

AgeLine American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). Social gerontology and the study of aging in social, psychological, health-related, and economic contexts, covering 1978 to present. Includes journal citations as well as citations from books, book chapters, and reports. www.aarp.org/research/ageline/

\$\$ BNIPlus (British Nursing Index) Bournemouth University, Poole Hospital NHS Trust, Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust, and the Royal College of Nursing. Includes >220 nursing/midwifery and health-related journals with strong UK coverage, 1987 to present. Online and on CD-ROM. www.bniplus.co.uk

Cancer Topics National Cancer Institute. Up-to-date information about various cancers, treatments, and research for the public and health professionals. Includes PDQ Cancer Information Summaries. www.cancernet.nci.nih.gov/cancertopics/

CDC Wonder Wide-ranging online data for epidemiologic research. 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>

Education Resources Information Center (ERIC) Sponsored by Institute of Education Sciences of the US Department of Education. Bibliographic database includes >1.1 million citations going back to 1966. Free access to >107,000 full-text, nonjournal documents. www.eric.ed.gov

\$\$ EMBASE Elsevier. Includes citations and abstracts of biomedical and pharmaceutical literature from >19 million indexed records from 7,000+ peer-reviewed journals, covering 1947 to date, many not covered in MEDLINE. EMBASE.com adds citations from MEDLINE journals not in EMBASE, including nursing titles. www.embase.com

Google Scholar Useful adjunct to specialized databases. Searches scholarly sources such as academic publishers, government-supported research databases (e.g., PubMed), university websites, and professional association websites. Another useful feature is the citation count for articles retrieved, ranking results by number of times cited. <http://scholar.google.com>

§§ **HAPI (Health and Psychosocial Instruments)** Behavioral Measurement Database Services, Pittsburgh, PA. Index of measurement instruments in the health sciences, psychological and social sciences, and library and information science. Identifies instruments needed for research and practice. www.ovid.com/site/catalog/DataBase/866.jsp

Health Services Technology/Assessment Texts (HSTAT) NLM Information Technology Branch of the Lister Hill Center. Access to full-text documents useful in health care decision-making: clinical practice guidelines, quick reference guides, consumer brochures, evidence reports, technology assessments, and research protocols. www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=hstat/

MedlinePlus® NLM and NIH. Valuable resource for patient teaching, drug and disease links, tutorials, and ready-reference. Includes interactive health tutorials, preformatted PubMed searches, encyclopedia, and more. <http://medlineplus.gov>

§§ **Mental Measurements Yearbook (MMY)** Buros Institute. Includes timely, consumer-oriented test reviews, providing evaluative information to promote and encourage informed test selection. www.unl.edu/buros/ **Test Reviews Online** is a database of reviews of commercial educational and psychological tests published in the MMY. <http://buros.unl.edu>

§§ **Mosby's Index** Indexing of >2,500 international nursing and allied health journal titles, including peer-reviewed journals, trade publications, and electronic-only titles. Based on Emtree thesaurus, enhanced for nursing. www.mosbysindex.com

National Quality Measures Clearinghouse™ (NQMC) Sponsored by Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Database and website for information on specific evidence-based health care quality measures and measure sets. Promotes widespread access to quality measures by health care community and interested individuals. www.qualitymeasures.ahrq.gov

§§ **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. Options include access to point-of-care resources from the Clin-eGuide Nursing Advisor and other cross-platform searching. www.ovid.com

POPLINE® (POPulation Information onLINE) 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. Maintained by the INFO Project at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health/Center for Communication Programs and funded by US Agency for International Development. <http://db.jhuccp.org/ics-wpd/popweb/>

§§ **ProQuest Dissertations & Theses (PQDT)** Subject, title, and author guide to virtually every American dissertation accepted at an accredited institution since 1861. Selected master's theses have been included since 1962, as well as selected citations for dissertations from 50 British universities and from *Worldwide Dissertations* (formerly European Dissertations). Offers full text for many dissertations, 1997-. www.proquest.com/en-US/

§§ **PsycINFO** 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/psycinfo/

Science.gov Searches over 38 databases and 1950 websites, offering 200 million pages of authoritative US government science information, including research and development results. www.science.gov

Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library Searchable abstracts in the **Registry of Nursing Research** database. Primary investigators can be contacted for information about how to obtain full-text versions of their studies. www.nursinglibrary.org

§§ **Web of Science** 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.isiwebofknowledge.com/products_tools/multidisciplinary/webofscience/

www.health.gov Portal to the websites of a number of multiagency health initiatives and activities of the US Department of Health and Human Services and other federal departments and agencies.

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 by aggregating selected clinical studies and providing reviews, commentaries, or critical abstracts. Many of these sources are indexed in CINAHL, Medline/PubMed, PsycINFO, and other databases.

Commentaries and Evidence Syntheses

§§ **ACP Journal Club (1991-)** Bimonthly journal from American College of Physicians, with commentaries. Subscription comes with online access, including additional features. www.acpje.org

Bandolier (1994-) Independent, evidence-based health care commentaries written by Oxford UK scientists. The print Bandolier journal has been discontinued but back issues are available full text at: www.medicine.ox.ac.uk/bandolier/

§§ **DynaMed** Evidence-based summaries for >3,000 topics that answer clinical questions occurring during practice. Updated daily; monitors the content of >500 medical journals and systematic evidence review databases. www.ebscohost.com/dynamed/

§§ **Evidence-Based Mental Health (1998-)** Quarterly journal with commentaries. <http://ebmh.bmj.com>

§§ **Evidence-Based Nursing (1998-)** Quarterly journal with commentaries. Website includes current contents and selected free articles. <http://ebm.bmj.com>

KT+ Knowledge Translation+ McMaster University Health Information Research Unit. Provides access to both quality filtered and nonfiltered current evidence on "T2" knowledge translation (research addressing knowledge-to-practice gap). Includes alerting service. <http://plus.mcmaster.ca/kt/Default.aspx>

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

§§ **UpToDate** A clinical information resource that offers up-to-date, referenced expert answers to patient-care, diagnosis, and treatment questions. Topic reviews are written by recognized authorities who review the topic, synthesize the evidence, summarize key findings, and provide specific recommendations. www.uptodate.com

§§ **Worldviews on Evidence-Based Nursing (2004-)** Quarterly journal from Sigma Theta Tau International. Original articles, systematic reviews, and archival access via subscription to *Online Journal of Knowledge Synthesis for Nursing* (1993-2003). www.nursingsociety.org/Publications/Journals/Pages/worldviews.aspx

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. "Practice Guideline" is also available as a PubMed/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.ebmny.org/cpg.html

Health Services Technology/Assessment Texts (HSTAT) Includes a searchable collection of clinical practice guidelines. www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=hstat

National Guideline Clearinghouse Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Evidence-based clinical practice guidelines. www.guideline.gov

NHS Evidence - National Library of Guidelines Database of UK-approved evidence-based clinical guidelines. www.library.nhs.uk/guidelinesfinder/viewresource.aspx?resid=30582/

Nursing Best Practice Guidelines Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO). www.mao.org/bestpractices/index.asp

Systematic Reviews

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

Cochrane Library Free access to abstracts and, where available, plain language summaries of all Cochrane Systematic Reviews; 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. www.cochrane.org/index.htm **\$\$\$** Full text available via subscription or pay-per-view: www3.interscience.wiley.com/customersupport.html

Joanna Briggs Institute Free access to Evidence Summaries, Best Practice Series, Best Practice Information Sheet Technical Reports, and protocols for Reviews in progress. www.joannabriggs.edu.au/about/home.php **\$\$\$** JBI Systematic Reviews are available with membership. Evidence Summaries may be indexed and available in some libraries via **\$\$\$** ProQuest.

Systematic Reviews also searchable in CINAHL and 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 Subsets.”

MEDLINE via PubMed. Click on “Clinical Queries” on the left side of the screen; select “Find Systematic Reviews” and enter your search query. OR, use LIMITS to restrict search to “Subset: Systematic Reviews.”

Evidence-Based Practice Meta-Search Tools

These tools search multiple sources and organize results according to the evidence-based practice categories noted above.

SUMSearch University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Simultaneously searches PubMed/MEDLINE, DARE, and National Guideline Clearinghouse. Includes search filters for clinical queries and extending systematic review searches to MEDLINE when DARE does not provide sufficient results. <http://sumsearch.uthscsa.edu>

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

Nursing Point-of-Care Resources

Your institution may subscribe to a “point of care” resource for nurses that 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 assess contents when using as “one-stop shopping.”

\$\$\$ Clin-eguide Nursing Advisor “Synoptic reference content” for nurses in the areas of drugs, diseases, diagnostic tests, treatments, and signs and symptoms; includes evidence-based nursing monographs; separate subscription also accesses portal to Nursing@Ovid (article citations based on the nursing and allied health subset of Ovid MEDLINE). www.clineguide.com/index.aspx

\$\$\$ Lippincott’s Nursing Procedures & Skills More than 900 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 www.lwwnursingsolutions.com/content/lippincott’s-nursing-procedures-and-skills/

\$\$\$ Mosby’s Nursing Consult Elsevier. Integrated resource searching across nursing books, journals, drug information, patient education handouts, news, evidence-based monographs, images, practice guidelines, and skills. Access to MEDLINE and Mosby’s Index. www.nursingconsult.com

\$\$\$ Mosby’s Nursing Skills Elsevier. Online skills references system featuring >830 interactive skills from five highly respected reference texts: Perry & Potter’s *Clinical Nursing Skills & Techniques*, Proehl’s *Emergency Nursing Procedures*, AACN *Procedure Manual for Critical Care*, AACN *Procedure Manual for Pediatric Acute and Critical Care*, Wong’s *Nursing Care of Infants and Children*. www.mosbysnursingskills.com

\$\$\$ Nursing Reference Center EBSCO. Provides access to nearly 2,500 Evidence-Based Care Sheets and Quick Lessons plus patient education materials in English and Spanish, practice guidelines, drug information, legal cases, full-text reference books, research instrument records, free continuing education modules, and the latest medical news; separate subscription also accesses CINAHL databases. www.ebscoweb.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

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

McMaster University Resources for Evidence-Based Nursing <http://hsl.mcmaster.ca/education/nursing/ebn/index.htm>

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

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Drug Information Portal NLM gateway for selected drug information from National Library of Medicine and other key US government agencies. <http://druginfo.nlm.nih.gov/drugportal/drugportal.jsp>

Drugs.Com: Drug Information Online www.drugs.com

\$\$ DRUG-REAX[®] System Information on allergic reactions and interacting ingredients: drug-drug, drug-food, drug-disease, drug-ethanol, drug-tobacco, drug-alternative medicine; also includes drug-laboratory assay interactions. Available for PDA and online. www.micromedex.com/products/drugreax/

Drugs and Lactation Database (LactMed) Peer-reviewed and fully referenced database of drugs to which breastfeeding mothers may be exposed. Includes data on maternal and infant levels of drugs, possible effects on infants and on lactation, and alternate drugs to consider. www.toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/htmlgen?LACT/

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\$\$ PDR Electronic Library Contains full text of *Physicians Desk Reference*, *PDR for Nonprescription Drugs and Dietary Supplements*, and *PDR for Ophthalmic Medicines*. In print and for PDAs. www.micromedex.com/products/pdr/

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TOXICOLOGY, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

ATSDR Environmental Health Nursing Initiative 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.atsdr.cdc.gov/EHN/

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Hazardous Substances Release/Health Effects Database (HaZDat) An ATSDR database with information on the release and effects of hazardous substances from Superfund sites or from emergency events. www.atsdr.cdc.gov/hazdat.html

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

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Federal Government Agencies Regulatory information and links to drugs, toxicology, environmental, and occupational health on websites of US agencies:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) www.epa.gov/epahome/rules.html; Food and Drug Administration (FDA) www.fda.gov/opacom/laws/; and Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) www.osha.gov

\$\$ RegsLink[®] System Thomson Reuters. Provides state and federal regulatory information on the Internet. Includes information from *Federal Register*, Code of Federal Regulations, OSHA, EPA, and information from the 50 states. www.micromedex.com/products/regslink/

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AJN Career Guide Supplement to January issue of *American Journal of Nursing*. Includes Guide to Certification, State Nurses Associations list, How to Get a License, and Employment Opportunities. www.nursingcenter.com/CareerCenter/CareerGuide.asp

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

American Association of Colleges of Nursing Baccalaureate and higher degree nursing education programs as well as a career center link. www.aacn.nche.edu

Associate Degree Nursing Schools By State www.associatedegreenursing.com

Become an RN Includes comprehensive listing of second-degree accelerated BSN programs, and "direct entry" MSN programs. www.becomern.com

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RN to BSN Contains nationally accredited RN to BSN programs (both CCNE and NLNAC) and online RN to BSN programs as well. www.rntobsndegree.com

RN to MSN / Masters in Nursing Programs www.rntomsn.com

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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/mc/page.do

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NURSING

Interagency Collaborative on Nursing Statistics (ICONS)

Promotes the generation and utilization of data, information, and research about nurses, nursing education, and the nursing workforce. Website provides list of national studies related to the nursing workforce. www.iconsdata.org

National Center for Health Workforce Analysis Reports

www.bhpr.hrsa.gov/healthworkforce/reports/

National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Disseminates data related to the licensure of nurses. www.ncsbn.org

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NLN DataView™ Graphs and tables derived from National League for Nursing national nursing education surveys. Open access and downloadable in a variety of formats. www.nln.org/research/slides/index.htm

GENERAL – UNITED STATES

Demographic Data

Community Health Status Indicators Report www.communityhealth.hhs.gov

Health Data Interactive National health statistics for infants, children, adolescents, adults, and older adults; can be customized by age, gender, race/ethnicity, and geographic location. www.cdc.gov/nchs/hdi.htm

State and Community Health Profiles www.cdc.gov/hrqol/community.htm

State Health Facts Kaiser Family Foundation. www.statehealthfacts.kff.org

US Census Bureau Includes plans for Census 2010. www.census.gov

US Census Bureau State & county quickfacts. Facts by population, business, and geographical area; includes Census 2000 data. <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/>

US Census Bureau 2009 Statistical abstract. Considered best single comprehensive online source for US statistics. Summary of statistics on social, political, and economic organization of the US. www.census.gov/compendia/statab/

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. www.dataplace.org

FEDERAL AGENCIES AS KEY SOURCES FOR US HEALTH STATISTICS

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

Birth Data www.cdc.gov/nchs/births.htm

Data Warehouse www.cdc.gov/nchs/datawh.htm

FASTSATS A to Z Quick access to statistics on topics of public health importance. www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/Default.htm

Mortality Data www.cdc.gov/nchs/deaths.htm

National Health Care Surveys www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhes.htm

National Vital Statistics System Official national vital statistics provided by each state. www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss.htm

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Tracks US health conditions and risk behaviors. www.cdc.gov/brfss/

Data & Statistics Links by topic. www.cdc.gov/DataStatistics/

Health E-Stats Web-only release of selected statistics. www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/hestats.htm

HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/reports/2007report/default.htm

MMWR/Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report www.cdc.gov/mmwr/

MMWR Summary of Notifiable Diseases, United States

Last issue of each volume of *MMWR*.

National Program of Cancer Registries www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/

WISQARS Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System. www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/

Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System
www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dash/yrbs/

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Administers Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). www.cms.hhs.gov

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Provides statistics on the health workforce and the medically underserved. www.hrsa.gov

GENERAL HEALTH COMPILATIONS

Commonwealth Fund Surveys track trends in health coverage, access, and quality and general policy/practice issues in the US and internationally. www.commonwealthfund.org/Surveys/

Health, United States NCHS annual report on trends in health statistics. www.cdc.gov/nchs/hs.htm

Healthy People 2010 National health objectives. www.healthypeople.gov

Kaiser Family Foundation Focuses on major health care issues in the US. www.kff.org

INTERNATIONAL

Kaiser Family Foundation *Global health facts.* www.globalhealthfacts.org/

Pan American Health Organization *Basic country health profiles for the Americas.* Provides information by countries in the Americas including demographic, socioeconomic, health risk indicators, data relating to health care delivery, and statement of trends. www.paho.org/english/sha/profiles.htm

United Nations Statistics Division Demographic and social statistics and indicators. www.un.org/Depts/unsd/

US Census Bureau *International Data Base/IDB* Includes statistical tables with demographic, vital statistics, and socioeconomic data for 227 countries and areas of the world. www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/

WHOSIS/WHO Statistical Information System Statistics for >100 core indicators on mortality, morbidity, risk factors, service coverage, and health systems of WHO member nations. www.who.int/whosis/

World Health Organization (WHO) *Data and statistics.* www.who.int/research/en/

TOOLS FOR FINDING STATISTICS

CDC Wonder Provides access to public health reports and data systems categorized by topic. <http://wonder.cdc.gov>

DataFERRET **Federal Electronic Research and Review Extraction Tool** Provides access to large NCHS datasets. www.cdc.gov/nchs/datawh/ferret/ferret.htm

Epi Info Public domain software packages to produce epidemiological statistics, tables, graphs and maps. www.cdc.gov/epiinfo/

FedStats Gateway to statistics from over 100 US federal agencies. www.fedstats.gov

Lexis Nexis Statistical Database containing detailed abstracts, indexing, and locator information for all statistical reports of general research value issued by the federal government since the early 1960s. Also indexes publications of state and private agencies, and statistical publications of such intergovernmental organizations as the IMF, UN, OECD, and World Bank. Direct links to key statistical data available on federal agency websites and to hundreds of reports stored within the Universe service itself. <http://academic.lexisnexis.com/online-services/statistical-overview.aspx>

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