Evidence Based Research

Where to Find Evidence—Summary

Grey Literature—Search the internet to locate evidence from organizations, academic institutions, and government agencies; for example:

- Professional organization websites may have research/writing/conference proceedings (URLs end in .org)
- Academic institution websites may have research/writing conducted by the institution’s faculty and students available (URLs end in .edu)
- Government agencies may have research/writing/documents available to the public from their websites available (URLs end in .gov)

Journal Articles—Search for journal articles in a following database available at SPC libraries:

- Academic Search Complete (EBSCO)
- CINAHL Complete (EBSCO)
- MEDLINE with Full Text (EBSCO)
- Nursing @ Ovid
- Nursing and Allied Health Database (ProQuest)

Note: SPC BSN students should go to http://spcollege.libguides.com/EBP. Click on the Find Articles tab and click on the name of the database you would like to search.

Clinical Guidelines and Cochrane Reviews—Locate clinical guidelines and Cochran reviews by searching following:

- CINAHL Complete
- Cochran reviews
- Google
- PubMed.gov

Note: See Locating Clinical Guidelines handout for sample searches: https://spcollege.libguides.com/ld.php?content_id=42170561

Government documents—Locate government documents by searching the following:

- U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO)
  http://www.gpo.gov


Books—Locate books by searching the following:

- SPC online library catalog https://union.discover.flvc.org/sp.jsp
  Note: See Search for Books at SPC Libraries video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FR3vUONHxYY&feature=youtu.be
- WorldCat (Search “…10,000 libraries worldwide”)
  https://www.worldcat.org/