

### *What is Nursing Reference Center?*

*Nursing Reference Center* is designed to provide relevant clinical resources to nurses; it offers evidence-based disease & condition information written specifically for nurses, as well as patient education content and point-of-care drug & reference information from top publishers. *Nursing Reference Center* provides access to: CINAHL Nursing Guide, reference books, patient education information, best practice guidelines, and more. Materials are provided for informational purposes only and should not be used for self-diagnosis and/or treatment.

### *Accessing Nursing Reference Center*

Visit the Library web site and select *Resources-Databases* from the navigation bar. For details on how to access it off campus, select the *Off Campus Access* link or contact Campus library staff.

### *Search Assistance*

Select the **Help** option located on most search and result pages within the database. Campus library staff can also provide assistance in searching the *Nursing Reference Center* database. A *Nursing Reference Center* tutorial is available at [http://support.epnet.com/training/flash\\_videos/NRC.html](http://support.epnet.com/training/flash_videos/NRC.html)

### *Searching Nursing Reference Center*

#### ➤ **Tabs**

- Tab links are available from every search screen in the database. They enable the searcher to zero in on an area of interest such as *Diseases and Conditions*, *Skills and Procedures* or *Practice Resources*.

#### ➤ **Basic Search**

- Use **AND** to find articles that contain all search terms (e.g. pregnancy **AND** alcohol)
- Use **OR** to find articles that contain either search term (e.g. homeopathy **OR** naturopathy)
- Use **NOT** to eliminate search terms (e.g. influenza **NOT** avian)
- Use “ ” to find phrases - words that have to be beside each other (e.g. “rheumatoid arthritis”)
- Use \* to find different forms of a word (e.g. pigment\* retrieves pigment, pigments, pigmentation)
- Searches can be limited to Assessment, Diagnosis, Planning, Implementation and/or Evaluation documents using the checkboxes that appear beneath the search text box.

#### ➤ **Advanced Search**

The *Advanced Search* feature enables the searcher to include or exclude particular document types (e.g., evidence-based care sheets, patient education) in the search. Searches can be limited by full-text articles, publication date, and source. The *Advanced Search* also enables the searcher to browse CINAHL headings and other database indexes – this is very useful at the beginning of the search process, to become familiar with the terminology used in *Nursing Reference Center*.

### *Results*

The *Results* screen displays the retrieved articles, which can be sorted by relevance or date. Once an article is opened, the searcher has the option of printing, emailing or saving articles, or placing them in a folder for review before ending the search session. The searcher can also click on tabs to zero in on particular types of results such as *Quick Lessons*, *Patient Education*, *Guidelines* and *News*.

### *Nursing News and Spotlight*

*Nursing News* is found on the main page of the database, and provides the searcher with very current news and trends from the nursing profession. *Spotlight* highlights particular database features and sources, and how to use them.

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