Nursing LPN Students
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SC4 Information Literacy Program
Which statement is more authoritative?

- I read that the Zika is a global public health emergency.
- I read in the *Port Huron Times Herald* that the Zika is a global public health emergency.
- I read in the *British Medical Journal* that the Zika is a global public health emergency.

Gulland, A. (2016). Zika virus is a global public health emergency, declares WHO. *BMJ : British Medical Journal (Online)*, 352 doi:http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmj.i657
True or False?

If you use a passage of original material from an article and put it in your own words, you have to cite it.

1. True
2. False

What is the **volume number** in the above citation?

1. 1
2. 31
3. 10
4. I don’t know

What is the **title of the journal** in the above citation?

1. “Palliative care”
2. *CINAHL*
3. *Nursing Older People*
4. I don’t know
Evaluating Sources
Articles from peer reviewed journals are good sources of information for nursing reports and papers.

1. True
2. False
Magazine versus Journal?

**Magazine**
- Audience: General readers
- Author is often editorial staff
- Non-specialized articles
- Many advertisements
- Examples: Prevention, Time, Ladies Home Journal

**Journal**
- Audience: Professionals or students in a particular field
- Author’s credentials are given
- May have graphs & bibliographies
- Peer reviewed or refereed
- Examples: Nursing Research, Nursing Clinics of North America
Information from which of the following sources *might* be biased?

1. .org website
2. Wikipedia
3. Library database
4. Published book
5. All of the above
Evaluating Sources

- **WHO?** Who is the author of this source? Are they qualified to write/speak on the subject? Are they biased in any way?

- **WHAT IS THE SOURCE?** Does it have a title? Is it a primary or secondary source? Is it authoritative or trustworthy?

- **HOW WAS THE SOURCE PRODUCED?** Who is the publisher or sponsoring organization?

- **WHERE DID YOU FIND THE SOURCE?** Was it through a library databases or through an internet search engine that may list results in a biased or weighted manner?

- **WHEN WAS THE SOURCE PUBLISHED?** Has it been replaced or updated?

Advanced Searching Skills
Which Boolean operator narrows your search results?

1. OR
2. AND
3. I don’t know
Boolean Logic
This is a way of combining search terms together using these “Boolean” words or operators:

• AND
• OR
• NOT
Boolean Operator: OR

infant* OR pediatric*
influenza NOT H1N1
Phrase searching

Often it is useful to use phrases when searching a database instead of using just single words.

These two searches will yield different results:

Respiratory distress syndrome

“Respiratory distress syndrome”
Truncation *

Sometimes you want to search for different forms of similar words. Use truncation to search for various permutations of the same word all at once.

Instead of using:

pediatric OR pediatrics

use:

pediatric*
Post test
What is the **volume number** in the above citation?

1. 10
2. 92
3. 28
4. I don’t know

What is the **title of the journal** in the above citation?

1. “Brief psychotherapy …”
2. *CINAHL*
3. *AHRQ Research Activities*
4. I don’t know
True or false?

Peer reviewed journals are good sources of information for nursing papers.

1. True
2. False
3. I don’t know
Information from which of the following sources *might* be biased?

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Which Boolean operator will narrow your search results?

1. OR
2. AND
Thank you!