Clinical Nursing
Fall 2016
How do you access the SC4 library databases from off campus?

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4. I don’t know 25%
True or False?

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Magazine

- Audience: General readers
- Non-specialized articles
- Glossy pictures

Examples
- Men’s Health
- Prevention
- American Psychologist
Journal

- Audience: Professionals or students in a particular field
- Charts & graphs
- Bibliographies
- **Peer reviewed or refereed**
  - Examples:
    - *Nursing Research*
    - *Nursing Clinics of North America*
    - *American Journal of Nursing*
Advanced Searching

Special Techniques
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1. Phrase Searching
2. Boolean Operators
3. Truncation

- Putting it all together
Phrase searching

Put phrases in quotation marks to keep words together.

“”

These two searches will yield different results:

Respiratory distress syndrome

““Respiratory distress syndrome””
Truncation *

Use truncation to search for various permutations of the same word all at once.

Instead of using:

pediatric OR pediatrics

use:

pediatric*
Boolean Logic

Combine search terms together using these “Boolean” words or operators:

• AND
• OR
• NOT
Which Boolean operator narrows your search results?

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Boolean Logic

“evidence based” AND “pain therapy”
Boolean Logic • OR

“evidence based” OR “patient centered”
Boolean Logic • NOT

“pain therapy” NOT (obstetric* OR childbirth)
Combining techniques

Put together all the techniques you’ve learned:

Use **parenthesis** along with **Phrases**, **Boolean operators**, and **Truncation** to get an effective search.
Combining techniques

If we wanted to combine the concepts:

Evidence based articles on pain therapy and exclude any articles related to pain in obstetrics or childbirth

we might conduct a search like this …
combining techniques continued. . .

("evidence based" OR "patient centered") AND “pain therapy” NOT (obstetric* OR childbirth)
How can you tell if an article is a research article?

Published in a scholarly journal

Usually follow a particular format:

- Abstract
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion
- References or bibliography
Evidence based practice
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