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Library Databases:  [http://www.sunyit.edu/library/databases](http://www.sunyit.edu/library/databases)

- **Cochrane Library** - evidence-based health care information, full-text research based reviews and protocols
- **CINAHL** (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)
- **Medline** – National Library of Medicine’s world literature in medicine
- **ScienceDirect** - Clinical topics in nursing and other health professions

Searchable Databases on the Internet:

- **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality** (AHRQ) the United States’ premier evidence-based practice agency, also Research Findings and Data & Surveys
  - [http://www.ahrq.gov](http://www.ahrq.gov)
- **Centre for Evidence-based Medicine** click on Resource Centre, then Directory
  - [http://www.cebm.net](http://www.cebm.net)
- **Health Services/Technology Assessment Text** (HSTAT) is a searchable collection of large, full-text clinical practice guidelines, technology assessments, and health information.
- **PubMed Clinical Queries**, select Systematic Reviews which retrieves systematic review and meta-analysis studies for search topics:
- **SUMSearch** Searches best evidence sites from the U of TX Health Sciences Center
  - [http://sumsearch.org](http://sumsearch.org)
- **TRIP Database** allows health professionals to find the highest-quality material available on the web – to help support evidence based practice

Search Engines:

- **Scirus** [http://www.scirus.com](http://www.scirus.com)

Related Websites:

- **Joanna Briggs Institute** – evidence-based resources for healthcare professionals
  - [http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au](http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au)
- **National Institute of Nursing Research** – links to other resources, grant information
- **National Center for Health Statistics**
  - [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs)
- **National Guideline Clearinghouse**

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SEARCHING FUNDAMENTALS
With Keyword Searching, you determine your search terms; you have greater flexibility but you get broader results. You must try multiple searches using different spellings and synonyms in order to match all the variations authors could use. Alternatively, Subject Searching is very organized and uses only pre-determined terms; you find your Subject Heading and you search for it. You must use the term chosen by the person who has cataloged the book or article.
1. Perform a keyword search using important terms that define your topic.
2. Find a good result and look at its Subject Heading.
3. Perform a subject search using the Subject Heading you find.

FINDING MATERIAL
You should divide your research into two stages:
Stage 1: Use the library databases to identify a source, e.g., a journal article
Stage 2: Use various resources to obtain the source, including:
- 360 Link / List of E-journals – a list of magazines & journals available via our databases
- List of Print Journals – a list of our print serials; the list is available in print & online
- Ask a Librarian – available at: http://www.sunyit.edu/library/ask_a_librarian
- Interlibrary Loan – fill out an online ILL form to obtain material we do not own
- AskUs 24/7 – live reference chat available at: http://www.sunyit.edu/library/ask_a_librarian

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