



MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY – V. Sbarbaro

Criteria for evaluating the quality of health information

- Currency: How old is the information? At most it should be 5 years old or less --- newer is often better in health and the sciences
- Authority and Accountability: What institution or person is the author? What are their credentials or reputation?
- Reliability Credibility, and Purpose: Is this a well-known publisher, a popular self-help book, or a sales pitch?
- Accuracy and Completeness

ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCES

Ask-a-librarian link 24 hours a day

Off-campus access for eBooks, eJournals & databases

1. Start from Butte College home page: <http://www.butte.edu>
2. Select **Library** from the bottom left of any butte.edu page. You can skip Steps 1 & 2 and go directly to the Library home page at www.butte.edu/library/
3. Click on **Off-Campus Access** to log in.
4. Enter your username: this is your last name plus the first two letters of your first name – entered as one word without spaces
5. Enter your password (this is last four digits of your student ID), then click “Submit Query.”

For example, Jane Smith with Student ID #9834765 would be:

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Access for databases

Library → Search for Articles → Databases by Subject → Allied Health, Nursing & Medicine
OR

Library → Search for Articles → Combined databases
OR

Library → Search for Articles → Databases A-Z → (select database)

Some suggested databases with articles you can download, save, print, or email

Gale

- Health and Wellness Resource Center and Alternative Health Module
 - Includes *Mosby's Medical, Nursing and Allied Health Dictionary*; *Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine*; Diseases and Conditions list; and Drugs and Herbal Remedies
- Health Reference Center Academic
- Use the check boxes for **Full text articles & Refereed publications**

Gale Virtual Reference (Medical encyclopedias and handbooks online)

- Use Basic Search or Advanced Search, and choose the appropriate field.
- You can browse the booklist on Medicine by clicking “Show All” or “View publications” next to Medicine.
- Be sure to check the publication date of your source!

EBSCO

- CINAHL Plus: Advanced search allows searching for full-text, peer-reviewed journals, evidenced-based care sheets, CINAHL headings, or for a specific journal.
- Academic Search Premier
- Medline: can search by keyword, subject, etc., or publications, MeSH headings, etc.
- HealthSource: Nursing/Academic Edition
- Alt HealthWatch
- Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection
- Use the check boxes for **Full text articles & Scholarly (Peer reviewed) articles**
- Can be filtered by date using slider on the left

Print Journals

While many of our electronic journals are current, the most recent edition of our nursing journals can often be found on the 1st floor. For an alphabetical list of our print journals, go to:

Library home page → Search for articles → Print Journals

American Journal of Nursing, Annals of Emergency Medicine, Journal of Gerontological Nursing, Journal of Nursing Administration, Journal of Psychosocial Nursing, Nursing Administration Quarterly, Nursing Clinics of North America, Nursing Management, Nursing Outlook, Nutrition Today, Respiratory Care

Web Resources (not necessarily scholarly or peer-reviewed)

Library home page → Web Resources → Web Links → Health & Wellness

Merck manuals

- Full text of the trusted Merck Manual & Merck Index in medicine
- Includes a pronouncing dictionary of medical terms

Centers for Disease Control

Cancer.gov

Search Strategies

Phrase Searching: Use “quotation marks” to retrieve multiple words denoting single specific concept (e.g. “collagenous colitis”). Searches for words as single exact term with no words in between.

Truncation: Use (*) to retrieve all forms of root word (e.g., medic* = medic, medicine, medical, medically, and Medici). Especially useful for retrieving both singular and plural forms of keywords.

Boolean Operators: Use Boolean Operators to narrow or broaden your keyword searches.

AND – narrows a search

- searches only for articles containing both terms
- best used to retrieve more focused results

OR – broadens a search

- searches for articles containing either term as well as articles containing both
- best used for nested synonyms e.g.: (adolescents OR “young adults” OR teenagers)

NOT – narrows a search

- searches for first term, filtering out second
- best for eliminating false hits that occur when words have multiple meanings (e.g., cowboys NOT football)