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Evidence-Based Practice in Occupational Therapy

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Information Resources

I. SEARCHING WEB-BASED RESOURCES FOR JOURNAL ARTICLES

Why use a database rather than the Web?

Databases	The Web
Subscription (provided by EKU)	Free access
Generally high quality of information	We must question information quality
Peer-reviewed articles	Rarely peer-reviewed
Known author	Author not necessarily known
Scholarly information	Popular information
Subject specific	General knowledge
Supports refined searching	May support advanced search techniques

To access EKU databases:

- Go online to <http://www.library.eku.edu>. For off-campus access, see <http://www.library.eku.edu/offcampus/> for instructions to log on.
- Click on the **Find Articles** link
- Choose from:
 - Frequently Used Databases
 - **Databases by Subject** (Health Sciences or Psychology)

Suggested EKU databases (but there are many other Health Sciences and Psychology databases to explore):

- CINAHL
- MEDLINE
- Sociological Abstracts
- PsycINFO
- Psychology & Behavioral Science Collection
- Sociological Collection

Two public databases to consider:


- The Cochrane Library www.thecochranelibrary.com
- PubMed <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez>

Search Input Example from CINAHL:

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Limiters - note that you can refine your results list in helpful ways: to just **scholarly (peer reviewed)/full-text articles/date of publication**. Some databases will allow you to limit by gender, age group, special interest, etc.

If an article is not full-text online in an EKU database, click on the  button, which may direct you to the article you want, in full-text, in a different database. Some of the articles you want may be available in print, in the Periodicals department on the first floor of the Main Library.

II. SEARCHING AUTHORITATIVE WEB SITES

- Criteria for Evaluating Health Sciences Web Sites
- Recommended Web Sites for the Health Sciences

INDIVIDUAL HELP

- If you have a question, you can always e-mail me at: Karen.Gilbert@eku.edu