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Database Search Strategy Worksheet

Step 1: Define your research topic.

State your research topic here.

Sample topic:

What are ways in which nurses can promote exercise to the elderly?

Step 2: Identify the important concepts for your search.

Underline the key words in your sentence above.

List those key terms here:

Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept 3

Sample:

Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept 3
<i>promote</i>	<i>exercise</i>	<i>elderly</i>

Step 3: Create a list of synonyms or related terms for each concept.

Concept 1 synonyms	Concept 2 synonyms	Concept 3 synonyms

Example:

Concept 1 synonyms	Concept 2 synonyms	Concept 3 synonyms
<i>promote=</i> <i>encourage</i> <i>motivate</i>	<i>exercise=</i> <i>activity</i> <i>fitness</i>	<i>elderly=</i> <i>senior</i> <i>geriatric</i> <i>older adult</i>

Parentheses or Nesting

Use parentheses () to group segments of Boolean queries for more complex searches when using the OR operator.

example: treatment AND (HIV OR AIDS)

Step 5: Create and conduct your searches in the nursing and health databases:

Sample:

promotion and exercise and elderly

You could also try to use Boolean operators OR & AND, truncation, and parentheses to increase your results:

(promot* OR encourage* OR motivat*) AND (exercis* OR activit* OR fitness) AND (elderly OR senior OR geriatric)

promot* would retrieve the following terms: promote, promotes, promoting, promotion
motivat* would retrieve: motivate, motivates, motivating, motivation, motivational

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