BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR RESEARCH...

- Determine the keywords and related terms. Use a medical dictionary.
  - Try *Webster's Medical Dictionary* online, Stedman's in STAT!Ref, or one of the library's dictionaries in print.

- Are you seeking professional or consumer information?

- Do you need basic background information on a topic? — Use general medical books and trusted resources on the web.

- Use JOURNALS for “peer-reviewed” articles.

- Always pay attention to the date of publication for the most up-to-date information.
FINDING BASIC MEDICAL INFORMATION
“BACKGROUND INFORMATION”

Library Catalog

Access from Library Home Page
http://www.bergen.edu/library

Includes print books, media, electronic books and e-media and periodical articles

Find good general medical references such as:

Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy
Stat!Ref – Small collection of up-to-date medical resources.

Trusted Website

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USE JOURNALS — FOR RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL ARTICLES

Journals

- Journal articles contain the most up-to-date information.
- Include Research and Scholarly Articles.
- Peer Reviewed / Refereed.
- Often published by scholarly or professional organizations.
- Most are not free on the internet.

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- Use the “Journals A-Z” list. (Located under the main library search box.)
PARTS OF A RESEARCH ARTICLE

Article Title – Succinct description stating purpose of article and using important keywords that can be retrieved by various search engines.

Author information – Author(s) names and institutional affiliations. Contact information.

Abstract – Summary of the scientific process used including introduction, methods, results and conclusion.

Introduction – Background information. Previous research. Research gap that is being addressed. Purpose of the research.

Methods – How the study, experiment or observation was conducted. Participants chosen, methods, materials, procedures. How data was analyzed. Methods are described in detail so that study can be replicated.

Results – Reports data gathered, analysis of data. Includes tables and graphs.

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