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Full-Text Nursing and Allied Health Literature Plus Additional Resources

Document Types

As many document types as are appropriate will be assigned to each record.

CINAHL document types represent the type of publication being indexed (journal, book, audiovisual, pamphlet, software, dissertation, or research instrument). They can also describe the format of the individual item being indexed (e.g., editorial, research, review) or indicate the presence of some special data (e.g., exam questions, care plan, questionnaire).

Research studies published with one or more commentaries are indexed as a single citation. The appropriate document types (e.g., research, commentary, and response) are assigned by the indexer.

The year the document type was added is indicated in parentheses. If nothing is indicated, the document type was added prior to 1983.

Document Types Include:

ABSTRACT (92) - indicates material indexed is an abstract. It is used for abstracts of presentations at congresses, conferences, symposia, etc. Use with the document type Bibliography for annotated bibliographies. For materials about abstracting, see CINAHL subject heading: ABSTRACTING AND INDEXING.

ACCREDITATION (97) - indicates document containing information about compliance with accreditation requirements

ADVICE AND REFERRAL WEBSITE (01) - indicates a website that gives advice and referrals

ALGORITHM (95) - indicates the presence of an algorithm. For materials about algorithms, see CINAHL subject heading: ALGORITHMS.

ANECDOTE - indicates an informal narrative.

AUDIOVISUAL (93) - indicates an audiovisual [listed in electronic versions only]. For materials about audiovisuals, see CINAHL subject heading: AUDIOVISUALS.

BIBLIOGRAPHY - indicates the presence of a substantive list of books, audiovisuals, articles, documents, publications, etc., usually on a single topic or related topics. For annotated bibliographies, use with the document type Abstract. For discussions about bibliographies, see CINAHL subject heading: BIBLIOGRAPHY AND REFERENCES.

BIOGRAPHY (85) - indicates a history or an account of the personal and/or professional life of an individual.

BOOK (85) - indicates a book.

BOOK CHAPTER (93) - indicates a chapter, section, or article within a book

BOOK REVIEW (08) - indicates a book review.

BRIEF ITEM (95) - indicates material of less than one page.

CARE PLAN - indicates the presence of a care plan -- i.e., a written plan developed to assure consistent care of an individual patient or for a specific disease. For materials about or how to develop care plans, see CINAHL subject headings: NURSING CARE PLANS or PATIENT CARE PLANS.

CARTOON (95) - indicates a cartoon.

CASE STUDY - indicates a review of a particular condition, disease, or administrative problem. Includes case reports.

CEU (85) - indicates material that has been approved for continuing education credit. May be dated or non-dated. CEU material will be double indexed under the CINAHL subject heading EDUCATION, CONTINUING (CREDIT) as well as under the appropriate subject terms.

CHAT GROUPS (01) - indicates registries on Internet-based communication servers that allow subscribers sharing a common interest to communicate with each other in real time

CLASSIFICATION TERM (98) - indicates the presence of a NANDA Nursing Diagnosis, IOWA Nursing Intervention or Outcome, or SABA Home Health Care Nursing Diagnosis or Intervention classification term and scope note, together with a CINAHL editorial search suggestion

CLINICAL INNOVATIONS (97) - indicates document which describes new approaches to patient care

CLINICAL TRIAL (98) - indicates the research study is a clinical trial. Coordinate with the document type Research.

CODE OF ETHICS (98) - indicates material indexed is a professional code of ethics, or indicates the presence of a professional code of ethics or conduct. For discussions about professional codes of ethics or conduct, see CINAHL subject headings ETHICS; ETHICS, DENTAL; ETHICS, MEDICAL; or ETHICS, NURSING.

COMMENTARY - indicates a commentary -- i.e., an evaluation or analysis of a previously published article.

COMMERCIAL WEBSITE (01) - indicates a website that sells or promotes goods or services for a for-profit business

COMPUTER PROGRAM (86) - indicates the presence of a written computer program. For materials about computer programs, see CINAHL subject heading: SOFTWARE or specifics.

CONFERENCE (05) - indicates material indexed contains information about upcoming conferences and the organization involved, if appropriate. For material about conference, see CINAHL subject heading: CONGRESSES AND CONFERENCES or specifics.

CONSUMER/PATIENT TEACHING MATERIALS (97) - indicates the presence of various teaching/educational/learning materials for the consumer or patient. Use Teaching Materials for materials used for student education or staff development. For discussions about consumer/patient teaching materials, see CINAHL subject headings: TEACHING MATERIALS and PATIENT EDUCATION.

CORRECTED ARTICLE (93) - indicates an article that has been republished in order to correct, amplify, or restore text and data from the originally published article.

CRITICAL PATH (95) - indicates material indexed is a critical path or care map, or indicates the presence of a critical path or care map. For discussions about critical paths or care maps, see CINAHL subject heading: CRITICAL PATH.

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGES (97) - indicates the presence of images produced by radiography, magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasonography, or other diagnostic imaging procedures.

DIRECTORIES (96) - indicates names and addresses of various persons, agencies, schools, and other institutions. For discussions about directories, see CINAHL subject heading: INFORMATION RESOURCES.

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION (90) - indicates a doctoral dissertation or thesis. For discussions about dissertations, see CINAHL subject heading: THESES AND DISSERTATIONS.

DRUGS (98) - indicates the presence of a description of a drug; includes nursing and other healthcare personnel considerations and patient information

EDITORIAL - indicates an editorial. Includes guest editorials and presidents' messages.

EQUATIONS & FORMULAS (97) - indicates the presence of mathematical equations or formulas.

EVIDENCE-BASED CARE SHEET (05) - indicates material indexed is a 1 to 2 page document incorporating the latest evidence, statistics, research and references providing concise and comprehensive evidence-based overviews of clinical issues.

EXAM QUESTIONS - indicates the presence of CEU questions or test questions that are designed to test your knowledge. Includes quizzes.

FORMS - indicates the presence of sample forms. For materials about forms, see CINAHL subject heading: DOCUMENTATION or specifics.

GAMES (97) - indicates the presence of a word search, crossword puzzle, maze, or other type of game. For discussions about games, see CINAHL subject heading: GAMES.

GLOSSARY (96) - indicates lists of words with definitions.

HISTORICAL MATERIAL (92) - indicates material (or a portion thereof) that has been reprinted from an earlier work of historical interest.

INDIVIDUAL TESTIMONIAL WEBSITE (01) - indicates a website that contains individual testimonials [listed in electronic versions only].

INFORMATION WEBSITE (01) - indicates a website that contains information on various topics [listed in electronic versions only].

INTERVIEW (85) - indicates the presence of the published record of a conversation between an interviewer and one or more subjects based on topics posed by the interviewer.

JOURNAL ARTICLE - indicates material published in a journal. For discussions about journals, see CINAHL subject heading: SERIAL PUBLICATIONS.

LEGAL CASES (97) - indicates the inclusion of a court case or court cases.

LETTER (91) - indicates letters to the editor.

LISTSERVS (01) - indicates email-based services used primarily to broadcast information of interest to subscribers. Some listservs permit their subscribers to broadcast responses to the same subscriber list

MASTERS THESIS (98) - indicates a master's thesis or dissertation. For discussion about theses, see CINAHL subject heading: THESES AND DISSERTATIONS.

META ANALYSIS (09) - indicates the presence of a quantitative analysis of two or more independent studies that integrate and synthesize the findings and describe the features of the studies that contribute to variation in their results. Coordinate with the document type Research. For materials about meta analysis, see CINAHL subject heading: META ANALYSIS.

NURSE PRACTICE ACTS (96) - indicates material indexed is a nurse practice act or indicates the presence of a nurse practice act within the material. Use Practice Acts for other than nurse practice acts. For discussions about nurse practice acts, see CINAHL subject heading: NURSE PRACTICE ACTS

NURSING DIAGNOSES (88) - indicates material that contains nursing diagnoses as a substantive part of a care plan, case study, or in relation to the subject being discussed. For materials about nursing diagnosis, see CINAHL subject heading: NURSING DIAGNOSIS or specifics.

NURSING INTERVENTIONS (94) - indicates material that contains nursing interventions as a substantive part of a care plan, case study, or in relation to the subject being discussed. For materials about nursing interventions, see CINAHL subject heading: NURSING INTERVENTIONS or specifics.

OBITUARY (85) - indicates an obituary.

OTHER (94) - indicates miscellaneous material not yet categorized.

OVERALL (95) - indicates material being indexed contains multiple articles or chapters on the same topic.

PAMPHLET (85) - indicates a pamphlet.

PAMPHLET CHAPTER (93) - indicates a chapter, section, or article within a pamphlet [listed in electronic versions only].

PICTORIAL - indicates the presence of photographs, pictures, or medical illustrations. Not for photographs of the author.

POETRY (96) - indicates a poem or poems.

PRACTICE ACTS (97) - indicates material indexed is a practice act or indicates the presence of a practice act within the material. Use document type Nurse Practice Acts for nurse practice acts.

PRACTICE GUIDELINES (97) - indicates the presence of practice guidelines. For materials about practice guidelines, see CINAHL subject heading: PRACTICE GUIDELINES.

PROCEEDINGS (92) - indicates collection of papers presented at conferences, symposia, congresses, meetings, etc. Such papers may be published in full or in an edited or revised form. For collection of abstracts of papers presented at such conferences, coordinate with document type Abstract.

PROTOCOL (84) - indicates the presence of a protocol -- i.e., written plans specifying the methods to be followed in performing various procedures or in conducting research. For materials about protocols, see CINAHL subject headings: PROTOCOLS, NURSING PROTOCOLS, or RESEARCH PROTOCOLS.

QUESTIONNAIRE/SCALE (03) - indicates the presence of an instrument that is a series of questions or that requires the marking of a rating along a set interval. For articles about questionnaires or scales, see CINAHL subject headings: QUESTIONNAIRES or SCALES.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (00) - indicates the presence of one or more questions posed by an author, editor, or reader that are subsequently answered in the text.

QUICK LESSON (05) - Indicates material indexed is a 2-page document based on a comprehensive literature review and includes a description, etiology, signs & symptoms, clinical assessment, lab tests, treatment goals, food for thought, red flags and what to tell patients.

RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL (11) - indicates the research study is a randomized controlled trial or a randomized clinical trial. Coordinate with the document type Research.

RESEARCH - indicates an original (includes SECONDARY ANALYSIS), complete research study containing data collection, methodology, discussion of results, etc. For materials about or how to conduct a research study, see specific CINAHL subject headings, such as CLINICAL NURSING RESEARCH or RESEARCH, MEDICAL.

RESEARCH INSTRUMENT (95) - indicates material indexed is a research instrument. To indicate the use of instruments in a body of work, search electronically using the particular name. For material about research instruments, see CINAHL subject heading: RESEARCH INSTRUMENTS or specifics

RESEARCH INSTRUMENT UTILIZATION (05) - indicates material indexed is a record containing information about studies using a specific research instrument and includes the purpose/variable measured, sample population, methodology, other instruments, items & questions and the source for the instrument.

RESEARCH INSTRUMENT VALIDATION (05) - indicates material indexed is a record containing information about studies validating the use of a specific research instrument and includes the purpose/variable measured, sample population, methodology, other instruments, items & questions and the source for the instrument.

RESEARCH TERM DEFINITION (01) - indicates a record containing a definition and/or description of a term used in the research process along with an example of its application.

RESPONSE - indicates material written in response to a commentary or to another response.

REVIEW (88) - indicates a review of the published literature that can cover a wide range of subject matter of various levels of completeness or comprehensiveness. The presence of research findings or case reports does not preclude designation as a review.

SEARCH STRATEGY (03) - indicates the presence of a pre-formulated search strategy including subject headings, subheadings, document types, and other limits designed to lead to a final result.

SOFTWARE (92) - indicates a piece of educational software [listed in electronic versions only]. For materials about software, see CINAHL subject heading: SOFTWARE or specifics.

STANDARDS (92) - indicates a formal standard of practice or position paper issued by a professional organization. For materials discussing practice standards, see CINAHL subheading "/standards" with appropriate subject heading(s).

STATISTICS - indicates the presence of statistical data applicable outside the context of a research study. For materials about statistics, see CINAHL subject heading: STATISTICS.

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW (98) - indicates a research process in which a concept is identified and the research which has studied it is analyzed and evaluated. The results of this research are synthesized to present the current state of knowledge regarding the concept. Includes integrated or integrative reviews. Coordinate with the document type Research. For materials about systematic reviews, see CINAHL subject heading: SYSTEMATIC REVIEW.

TABLES/CHARTS (85) - indicates graphs, data in tabular form, or diagrams.

TEACHING MATERIALS - indicates the presence of various teaching/educational/learning materials for students, health personnel, or individuals in various other disciplines. Use Consumer/Patient Teaching Materials for materials used to educate the consumer or patient. For discussions about teaching materials, see CINAHL subject headings: TEACHING MATERIALS or TEACHING MATERIALS, CLINICAL.

TRACINGS (95) - indicates a graphic record of the image produced by an instrument capable of making a visual representation of movement. Included here are ECG, EEG, EMG tracings, and waveforms.

WEBSITE (98) - indicates material is a description of a website or contains a description of a website.

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