

One purpose of this course is for all of us to become knowledgeable of the literature and to share our findings. This fosters best practices and evidence-based practice. When exploring literature and finding references, keep in mind:

Currency

Use the most current, relevant (<5 years old), accepted domestic terminology and evidence-based information.

Accessibility

Everyone should be able to access the information. Sometimes the DOI takes us to a page where we would have to buy the article. If that happens with the reference you are using, make sure this article is available in our alumni library. If not, don't use it. Books must be owned or available as open access.

Relevance

Use articles that are pertinent to the United States. This information is the most applicable to *our* practice. While healthcare professionals from elsewhere do contribute to our knowledge, practices, as well as products, these can be very different from country to country. If a good source from another country is identified, one should use such to help locate US material when possible.

Acceptability

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