

ON-LINE CONTENT (1H)

Patients often use the Internet to search for health-related issues. Search the Internet for any health-related issue of your choosing. Evaluate the website by answering the following questions:

1. Do the authors have qualifications listed? What are their qualifications? What is the domain? (.gov, .edu, .org)

I researched influenza for this assignment. The first website that showed up was the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). When looking at the website, there are no authors or qualifications listed. The domain is .gov.

2. When was the site created? When was the site last updated or revised?

It does not list when the website was created but the CDC was first opened on July 1st, 1946. On influenza specifically, it was last reviewed October 24th, 2022.

3. Who is the targeted audience? Does the web site present facts or opinions?

The targeted audience is adults looking for information on the signs and symptoms, along with other information on high risk, preventing the seasonal flu, complications, diagnosing, and treatment. This website presents with facts.

4. How complete and accurate is the content information? Does it agree with other expert sources?

The information on this website is both complete and accurate on influenza. It also agrees with other expert sources, as it lists facts.

5. Does the site load quickly? Is it a secured site? Are there graphics, or pictures on the page that serve a purpose? If so, what are they and how do they relate to the health issue?

The site does load quickly and is secured. There are very few graphics but there is a bar graph representing the flu activity peak months in the United States. It relates to influenza as it shows the peak times of when one may be likely to catch the flu, and shows when it is an ideal time to take preventative measures.

Reference:

CDC, C. D. C. (2022, October 24). *Key facts about influenza (flu)*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Retrieved March 26, 2023, from <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/keyfacts.htm#:~:text=Flu%20is%20a%20contagious%20respiratory,Flu%20Symptoms>