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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)
  - a. The article that I researched was about COPD and the disease process, the authors of the page were listed from their affiliated universities and health institutions, but there were no individual qualifications listed for any of the authors. The domain of the website that I used was (.gov) and is a well-respected resource for medical journals.
2. When was the site created? When was the site last updated or revised?
  - a. The site/article was published on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. It was last review/updated in March of 2020.
3. Who is the targeted audience? Does the web site present facts or opinions?
  - a. The target audience for this article was older adults, this article focused more on preventative things people could do to better their health and quality of life. The website that I found used many facts to explain the disease process, exacerbations, and quality of life for COPD patients, they used multiple resources for this information to support their facts.
4. How complete and accurate is the content information? Does it agree with other expert sources?
  - a. The information that was provided was complete and like I said in the question above, the article used multiple listed resources for their information. The article used expert resources as a basis for their information, so the information is current and complete with standards for the disease process.
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?
  - a. The website loaded very quickly and there were no complications getting the information from the page. The website is secured and a government article therefore it has added security. The site only had a few graphic tables to provide information about COPD. The graphics that were included in the article were tables to provide information about COPD exacerbations, and the characteristics of the exacerbations broken down for patient education.

**Resource:**

Hurst, J. R., Skolnik, N., Hansen, G. J., Anzueto, A., Donaldson, G. C., Dransfield, M. T., & Varghese, P. (2020). Understanding the impact of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease exacerbations on patient health and quality of life. *European journal of internal medicine*, 73, 1–6.

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