

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 website has an about section that lists “who we are” section with senior medical staff, senior editorial staff and medical & expert reviewers. The “meet the senior medical staff” has 4 people listed and what they do. The WebMD medical team works closely with over 100 nationwide doctors and health experts across a broad range of specialties to ensure WebMD’s content is up to date, accurate and helps you live a healthier life. The WebMD editorial team blends award winning expertise in medicine, journalism, health communication and content creation to bring you the best health information possible. And then the meet our medical and expert reviewers has a list of MDs and ODs and what they specialize in. For example, pediatrics, internal medicine, urology, cardiology, veterinary medicine, psychiatry, emergency medicine, dermatology and OB. The domain is www.webMD.com
2. When was the site created? When was the site last updated or revised?
 - a. The site was created in 2005-2023.
 - b. When I searched Congestive Heart Failure overview, at the bottom of the site it had stated it was last updated in 2023.
3. Who is the targeted audience? Does the web site present facts or opinions?
 - a. Advertisers and sponsors use WebMD’s platforms and products to reach and engage consumers and healthcare professionals that have interests in healthy living, wellness, diseases, conditions and other health related topics.
 - b. “WebMD has created an organization that we believe fulfills the promise of health information on the internet. We provide credible information, supportive communities, and in depth reference material about health subjects that matter to you. We are a source for original and timely health information as well as material from well known content providers. WebMD content staff blends award winning expertise in journalism, content creation, community services, expert commentary, and medical review to give our users a variety of ways to find what they are looking for.”
4. How complete and accurate is the content information? Does it agree with other expert sources?
 - a. WebMD is a fine place to start when it comes to researching medications and side effects, signs and symptoms and as well as diagnosing.
 - b. It agrees with other expert sources as well. Although I do believe you should go to the doctor for official diagnosis I believe WebMD is still accurate. My fiancé tends to use WebMD which is why I chose it.

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. Yes, the site loads quickly. It requires the use of a user ID and password as a security measure to help protect your confidential information. This allows WebMD to verify who you are and permits you access to only your account information.
 - b. WebMD provides readings on what is heart failure, what causes it, symptoms, types, how its diagnosed, treatment, how you can prevent it, medications, how to prevent further heart damage, surgery, how to improve quality of life, when to call 911, what the outlook for people with HF looks like, and it also gives a chart for the stages of HF.
 - c. The table outlines a basic plan of care that may or may not apply to a person, based on the cause of their heart failure and their special needs. The person should ask their doctor to explain therapies that are listed if they do not understand why they are receiving them.