Topics in PsycINFO of Relevance to Nursing

PsycINFO is a research database published by the American Psychological Association. Nurses and other health care professionals can use it to locate research on patient education and the behavioral aspects of health care delivery.

Sample Searches in Nursing Research

Scenario: A nurse administrator would like to create new patient education materials specifically geared at promoting adherence to treatment plans.
Search: Treatment Compliance AND Client Education
Results: Articles on counseling for treatment adherence in a variety of conditions and illnesses, as well as studies on how to increase treatment compliance.

Scenario: A gerontologist is interested in learning more about anxiety among older diabetics.
Search: Diabetes AND Anxiety, use the Age Group limiter to select Aged (65 yrs & older)
Results: Articles on the prevalence of anxiety and related disorders among older adults with diabetes, and how they are related to the patient’s physical health.

Scenario: A nurse at a children’s hospital is interested in seeing the latest research into pediatric pain management.
Search: Pediatrics AND Pain Management
Results: Articles on pain assessment and control for children in the hospital and at home.

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### Selected Search Terms

The search terms provided here are just a few excerpts from the many relevant terms in PsycINFO’s thesaurus. If you aren’t sure how to use these terms (called Subject Terms, Subject Headings, or Index Terms depending on your interface), check with your librarian or consult the PsycINFO Quick Reference Guide you may also have received at the same time as this handout.

#### Hospitalization & Institutionalization
- Discharge Planning
- Hospital Admission
- Intensive Care
- Outpatient Treatment
- Partial Hospitalization

#### Preventive Medicine
- Health Promotion
- Health Screening
- Immunization
- Primary Health Care
- Relapse Prevention

#### Gerontology
- Elder Care
- Geriatric Assessment
- Geriatric Psychotherapy
- Nursing Homes

#### Treatment
- Case Management
- Integrated Services
- Long Term Care
- Telemedicine
- Surgery

#### Patient Behavior
- Health Care Seeking Behavior
- Health Care Utilization
- Health Service Needs
- Illness Behavior
- Treatment Compliance

#### Illness
- Arthritis
- Chronic Illness
- Diabetes
- Fibromyalgia
- Hepatitis

#### Community Care
- Adult Day Care
- Caregivers
- Community Facilities
- Home Visiting Programs
- Independent Living Programs

#### Death and Dying
- Advance Directives
- Hospice
- Palliative Care
- Treatment Refusal

#### Diagnosis
- Clinical Models
- Comorbidity
- Intake Interview
- Patient History
- Symptom Checklists