



# APA PsycInfo® Topic Guide

## NURSING

### Topics in APA PsycInfo of Relevance to Nursing

APA 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*

**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 APA's *Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms*®. 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 APA PsycInfo Quick Reference Guide.

#### Community Care

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

#### Death & Dying

- Advance Directives
- Hospice
- Palliative Care
- Treatment Refusal

#### Diagnosis

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

#### Gerontology

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

#### Hospitalization & Institutionalization

- Discharge Planning
- Intensive Care
- Outpatient Treatment
- Partial Hospitalization
- Personal Protective Equipment

#### Illness

- Arthritis
- Chronic Illness
- Diabetes
- Fibromyalgia
- Hepatitis

#### Patient Behavior

- Health Care Seeking Behavior
- Health Care Utilization
- Health Service Need
- Illness Behavior
- Treatment Compliance

#### Preventive Medicine

- Health Promotion
- Health Screening
- Immunization
- Primary Health Care
- Relapse Prevention

#### Treatment

- Case Management
- Integrated Services
- Patient Centered Care
- Telemedicine
- Surgery

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