Pharmacy Research Guide

For further information on the various types of literature, click on the following link. Click on the following link for supplementary information on the research process developed by the staff of the Alvin Sherman Library.

Step 1. Tertiary Literature: Starting point for research.
   a. Library Books:
      • Books in circulation. (Use Novacat to find appropriate titles.)
      • Reserve books. (Pharmacy Pathfinder Section 2: Reserve Books.)
      • Online books. (See section 9: Online Books.)

Step 2. Secondary Literature: Provides access to primary literature.
   a. Locate articles through databases. (See section 6: Pharmacy Research Databases).
   b. Key pharmacy databases: MEDLINE, EMBASE, IPA

Step 3. Primary Literature: Original Research.
   a. Locate articles through databases (e.g. PubMed, EMBASE, IPA.)
   b. Comprehensive list of electronic full text journals and journals in print may be located through the HPD library’s homepage (Pharmacy Pathfinder Section 7)
   c. Request articles through Interlibrary Loan. (If the HPD Library does not have a subscription to the journal(s) or the necessary time period is unavailable), use Iliad http://www.nova.edu/cwis/hpdlibrary/ill.html.

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