LIS 2135

- Reference Sources
  - Dictionaries for your condition
  - Sample Reference Questions
- Assignment Review
- Health care system
  - Jennifer Baynes

What’s different

- large body of specialized literature
- time pressed professionals
- inaccessibility of topic to lay person
- legal and ethical issues
- (perceived) importance of information
- emotionality

PICO

- Patient
  - gender
  - age
  - Intervention
    - types of therapy
    - health care delivery
    - nursing
- Outcome
  - positive
  - negative
- Comparison
  - none
  - placebo
  - other
Other common filters
- document types
- language
- currency
- human vs. animals
- "in hand" items only

Literature types
- Books
- Journals and magazines
- WWW
- Databases
- Reference sources
- Grey literature
- Government reports

What is a reference work?
- Tool consulted for immediate and short term use
- Not used from beginning to end
Ready Reference typology

- Biographical
- Directories
  - organizational
  - educational
- Meetings
- Drug information
- Statistics
- Encyclopedias
- Dictionaries
- Textbooks
- Citation verification
- Tests & measurements
- Legislation
- Common physical properties
- Disease
- Writing guides
- Laboratory guides
- Finding tools

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- MedlinePlus
- Via ebooks
  - MD Consult
    - Patient handouts
    - drug information
  - StatREF
    - Drug information
    - Stedman’s dictionary

Exercise

- Group assignment
  - Take turns at sources
    - Dictionaries
    - All others
- Report on source used
Next

- Assignment Review
- Break
- Health Care system

Exercise

- Selected quotes
  - Read
  - Write
  - Consult

Final exercise: Pick...

- Your library has only 1 medical dictionary. You can buy 3 new health sciences reference sources
  - A large academic humanities library
  - A suburban public library branch
  - Main branch of a rural public library system
  - A high school library
  - A special library for a bank
  - A college library focusing on ESL programs
Spend some time with
- Reference sources
- Your favorite
- One you’d written off

Last things
- Questions
- Muddle moment
- One (or more) thing you liked
- One (or more) thing you didn't