

# Registered Nurses' Attitudes Toward and Evaluation of the Internet for Seeking Health-Related Information (HRI)



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## Background

- The Internet helps nurses to access online databases, in addition to evidence-based practice-related information.
- Nurses should be capable of evaluating the online evidence, in order to effectively and safely integrate it in their practice.

# Purpose

- To assess:
  1. RNs' internet use for seeking health-related information.
  2. RNs' attitudes towards doing so.
  3. RNs' evaluation of the internet HRI.



## **Method**

Design: Quantitative, descriptive, cross-sectional.

Sample: Convenient sample of 300 Jordanian RNs.

Site: Different public, private and university hospitals in 6 Jordanian Governorates.

Tool: Structured self-reported questionnaire.

## Results

- Non-Internet-using nurse: **9.7%**
- Percentage of Internet-using nurses: **74.0%**
- Among internet-using RNs, **95.7%** held **positive attitudes** towards using the internet for seeking health-related information.

# Results

- Criteria of evaluation of information:
  - Checking the author (50%)
  - Websites' last date of update (50%)
  - Affiliation from a well-known org (28.2%)
  - Availability of citations (1 RN).

## Results

- RNs evaluated the retrieved information based on:
  - Their knowledge (20.5%)
  - Their area of practice (31.6%)
- Source: Google (44.6%)
- Online databases: <10%



## Conclusion

- Jordanian RNs needs further coaching and training regarding evaluation criteria of Internet HRI.

# Recommendation

- Nurses' informatics skills rely on:
  - Integrating the roles, and the collaboration of administrators, researchers, and educators.
- Findings can be used as the basis for future studies in the field of Nursing Informatics, especially in Jordan.

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