Guide to Planning your Research – Surgical Technology

Step 1: Define subject:

Encyclopedias:
Gale Encyclopedia of Surgery and Medical Tests
REF. RD 17 .G342 2009

Step 2: Vocabulary or Thesaurus

Dictionaries:
Dorland’s Illustrated Medical Dictionary
REF. R 121 .D73 2012
Stedman’s Surgery Words
REF. RD 16 .S74 2002
Taber’s Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary
R 121 .T18 2013 (R)

MediLexicon (Online)

Step 3: Sources of information: collections of books & videos (library catalog)

Gates Memorial Library Catalog

The Evolution of Surgical Instruments
Author: Kirkup, John
Call Number: REF. RD 71 .K53 2006
Location: REFERENCE
Availability: Non-Circulating

Intraoperative case management [Videorecording]
Author:
Call Number: RD 49 .I57 2002 V.2
Location: INQUIRE AT CIRCULATION DESK
Publisher: Centennial, CO : Association of Surgical Technologists, 2002.
Availability: Available for Circulation

• MEDLINEplus-National Library of Medicine: Videos of Surgical Procedures

Online periodicals: magazines, newspapers & journals
Martindale’s Anesthesiology and Surgical Center
Surgical Technology International Page
The Surgical Technologist
RD 32.3 .S961 (display; stacks 1998- current)

PERIODICAL DATABASES

Online information databases are large, regularly updated collections of digitized information -- including but not limited to abstracts and full text articles from journals and newspapers, conference proceedings and submitted papers, dissertations, government reports, essays, book chapters, web pages, etc. The content is created by publishers who release print versions, then lease the rights to their information to database vendors. Database records are easy to search and retrieve because the content of each record has been analyzed and assigned appropriate subject headings, keywords, names, etc. New records are regularly downloaded from the producer of each database. Gates Memorial Library Databases

• Academic Search Complete
• CINAHL
• Health Reference Center Academic
• Health Source: Consumer Edition
• Health Source: Nursing/Academic
• MEDLINE with MESH
• PubMed Central
STAT!Ref®

Surgical Technology Resources on the Web (associations, universities, organizations, etc.)

- Association of Surgical Assistants (ASA)
- Association of Surgical Technologists (AST)
- Foundation for Surgical Technology (FST)
- National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA)
- Medscape
- Spartanburg Technical College Surgical Technology Web
- The "Virtual" Medical Center - Anesthesiology & Surgery Center

Citing Sources

Each database provides “How to cite” for each article but these sites provide more information for citing various media (books, databases, websites, etc.)

The guides and links in this section will enable persons to properly use body citations and create works cited or bibliography pages.

- APA Style
- MLA Style
- EasyBib MLA citation creator
- Referencing Tool
- Son of Citation Machine
- Turabian Style
- University of California Berkeley (APA, MLA, Chicago)

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