Guide to Planning your Research – Surgical Technology

Step 1: Define subject:

Handbooks:
- Pocket Guide to the Operating Room
  - RD 32.3 .G65 2008

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

Above titles represent other titles in same location and call number range

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
- Above titles represent other titles in same location and call number range

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

Gates Memorial Library Catalog

The Evolution of Surgical Instruments (book)
- 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

- Medcom-Trainex: Nursing Education in Video Collection
- MEDLINEplus-National Library of Medicine: Videos of Surgical Procedures

Online periodicals: magazines, newspapers & journals

- Health on the Net Select
- 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
- Consumer Health Complete
- 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)
- Texas State Assembly of the AST
- Medscape
- Spartanburg Technical College Surgical Technology Web
- Surgical Tutor
- The "Virtual" Medical Center - Anesthesiology & Surgery Center
- YourSurgery.com

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 in body citations and create works cited or bibliography pages.

- Citation Guides Resources Page
- 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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