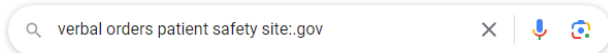


Paul's Top Ten Tips for becoming a Savvy Searcher

1. Start at Salem Health's Search Central! On the Intranet home page, click on **Library** under Tools and Resources (or under Departments) to get to the **Staff Library home page**. You'll find all our databases, search tools, and other great clinical resources there. Bookmark [this page!](#)
2. Want to find journal articles on your own? The best place to start is our [SuperSearch](#) tool. On the Staff Library home page, click on the SuperSearch logo to open the search page in a new browser window. Just paste the article title in the top search box and click on the Access Options drop-down menu for your options. If we have the full text for your article in any of our subscription databases, you will see a Full Text link. If the full text is not available in one of our databases, you can click on the link to look for an available PDF in Google Scholar, or if none is found there, you can request the PDF through our interlibrary loan service.
3. Avoid using **Google** when searching for clinical information—you'll just get a lot of irrelevant and potentially misleading or outdated results. Google works best for looking for something very specific and is almost useless when doing serious clinical information searching. An even better way to find a specific journal article or other document in Google: use **Google Scholar** (<http://scholar.google.com>). One useful trick is useful for both Google and Google Scholar, however: **Site: search**. After your key words, add **site:** and then either .gov or .org immediately after the colon to restrict results to URLs that end in .gov or .org.

Example:



4. Want to learn more about Evidence-Based Practice? Check out the [EBP Toolkit](#) on the Staff Library Home Page. There are lots of great resources there that will help you advance your EBP knowledge and put the evidence into practice! Even more EBP resources can be found on the [SHINE EBP page](#).
5. Providers, nurses and other clinical staff can all find very useful information in point-of-care resources such as [UpToDate](#) and [Clinical Key](#). These search engines are very easy to use. From the Staff Library home page, just click on the Nursing and Allied Health Resources or Physicians Resources tabs.
6. One good place to start for a search on a general nursing topic: [Nursing & Allied Health Reference Source](#). It separates results into Quick Lessons, Evidence-Based Care Sheets, Guidelines, CINAHL Journal articles, Continuing Education, etc. Also, they have a great mobile phone app!
7. Want to know if we have full text access to a particular **journal** or electronic reference book (or **eBook**)? Use the Staff Library tool called [Journal Finder](#). It provides one search box for checking accessing to these resources and provides links so you can jump right in and browse for what you're looking for.
8. Need information about an herbal supplement, an integrative therapy or some other aspect of complementary medicine? We have a great database called the [Natural Medicines](#). It grades all remedies and modalities according to the available evidence. Look for it on the Nursing & Allied Resources tab.
9. Need help on a particularly tricky clinical information search? Submit a request via the [Literature Search Form](#) button on the Staff Library home page and put the hospital librarian to work for you!
10. For more information and additional services, contact the hospital librarian **Paul Howard** in the Staff Library at paul.howard@salemhealth.org or call 503-814-1573.