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Global

Nursing



Knowledge

Network

a new model for open access
online publication

Furthering Knowledge Dissemination

During the last 50 years, print nursing journals have been the primary outlet for the distribution of new nursing knowledge. With the increase in knowledge this has created a serials crisis, or a situation in which few nursing libraries can provide ready access to all the new journals. Nursing is one of many professions that find themselves with this dilemma.

To make access to literature easier, several models of online access are being tried. One is a subscription service provided by an agency such as a university or hospital that provides full text articles from some journals. There are two problems with this model; one, it is not available to everyone, and two, few services provide full text for very many nursing journals.

Other disciplines are experimenting with open access (that is, the posted paper is available to anyone who has Web access) to provide easier distribution of knowledge.

Some of the current models are:

- ❖ Open access online journals
- ❖ Self posting by author
- ❖ Posting by institution
- ❖ Posting on a discipline oriented server

The Global Nursing Knowledge Network GNKN

To understand the proposed model one must be aware of the distinction between “freely given” literature and that written by an author with the hope of financial gain. This service is only intended for “freely given” work

The GNKN model follows a discipline specific server model. Authors would send their paper to a central server, known as the GNKN which using available software would quickly post it. Peer Review would be done by readers, after publication, posted as comments along with the reviewer’s names and contact information. The author could revise the work, but there would be links to all versions. The author would self-index by selecting from two different types of categories for the article: one the type of article and two, the subject. This model would provide open access to nursing knowledge.

Benefits of Online Nursing Literature

- ❖ Nursing literature available to clinical nurses as well as those in academia
- ❖ Decreased time from writing to publication.
- ❖ Access to grey literature (that which is hidden in conference proceedings)
- ❖ Visibility of nursing knowledge to those outside the profession.
- ❖ More author recognition.
- ❖ Easy to make corrections

How You Can Help

- ❖ Publish all freely given work online either in an established open access online journal, or on the GNKN.
- ❖ Work with your institution to see that full credit is given for online publications.
- ❖ Use online publications in your writing.
- ❖ Use and encourage others to use the open access online nursing literature that exists today.
- ❖ Encourage your institution to support the GNKN.
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