

Discussion Forum One: Topics for Research Proposal

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This chapter is designed to introduce health professionals and students to research. The chapter introduces readers to the basic definitions and sources of research. An outline is offered to aid in the development of a project or research agenda. Each small piece of research that can add to the body of medical knowledge results in improvement in the physical, mental, and social well-being of patients.

Learning Objectives:

1. Define Research
2. Describe types of research
3. Describe and discuss the importance of research in the health professions
4. Begin to develop a scientific approach to study and practice



Making the Connection

Assignments



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Writing the Introduction to a Proposal



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Defining a research question



Forming a research question