

In spite of these hesitations, I have a sense that this study brings together a range of immensely useful information and I think it amounts to an essential reference for the shelves of any academic nursing department.

CD REVIEW

NMI (Nursing Midwifery Index)

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This CD-ROM has references to 184 nursing and midwifery and science journals.

The journals covered include most of the nursing journals but there are some important omissions, including *Advances in Nursing Science*, *ANNA Journal*, and *Research in Nursing and Health*. It does have a British bias which is useful and it does include some newsletters such as *Bandolier*.

Each reference has the standard bibliographic details but there are no abstracts.

The user is presented with an attractive window with boxes and the reader can select subject or author or textword with a mouse. The number of hits is shown and the screen defaults to short references of author and truncated title with the right hand side left out. The user can either highlight short reference with the mouse to obtain the full reference or can select reference from a box at the top of the screen and can then continue to select full references. If a key word is at the end of an article title, it will be missing from the truncated title and so the reader might miss a useful item.

The retrieval was short and the whole system does make an impression of being user friendly. All readers in my library who have tried this like it and its simplicity. On the pilot version reviewed, the most up to date references are six months old but once production is in full swing and there are quarterly updates, it might

be possible to be even more up to date and then it would be more current than the American data bases.

At present, the data base is relatively small and seems to extend back about three years. The number of references retrieved was limited. The thesaurus contains a limited range of subject headings but possibly these could be expanded to allow more precise retrieval.

Overall, the data base is an important addition to literature searching and should be used to supplement Medline and CINAHL.

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