



PHM 3525 Drug Information

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Types of Information Sources

- In biomedical literature
 - Primary resources
 - Secondary resources
 - Tertiary resources



Tertiary Resources

- It provides information on that filtered & summarized by the author/editor to provide a quick and easy summary of the topic.
- Examples: Textbooks, compendia, review articles, clinical guidelines



Secondary Resources

- It refers to the literature that indexes the primary or some tertiary literature found in journals.
- Examples: PsychINFO, Cochrane Library



Primary Resources

- It includes clinical research studies and reports both published and unpublished.
- Examples: controlled trials, case series, case reports



6 C's of Evaluating Primary Resources

- **Content** - What is the main idea?
- **Citation** - When was this created?
- **Context** - What is going on in the world, the country, the region, or the locality when this was created?



6 C's of Evaluating Primary Resources

- **Connections** - Link the primary source to other things that you already know
- **Communication** - Is this source reliable?
- **Conclusions** - How does the primary source contribute to our understanding?



Alternative Resources

- Internet search: E.g. manufacturer website
- Other information resources: E.g. CNN