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## Objectives

1. Recognize that you have an information need
2. Identify the concepts of that information need
3. Determine the type of information needed
4. Convert the information need into a search statement

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## Scenario

Your instructor has given an assignment to choose a medical condition and prepare a poster presentation about it. You must explain the condition and find current research about it from refereed journals. You decide that you are interested in high blood pressure or hypertension. You recognize that you need general background information as well as current research information. You quickly discover that there is a lot of information on the topic and many different aspects so you have decided to focus your poster on the treatment of hypertension.

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## Search Process

**STEP 1:** First take your information need and create a search statement about it.

"I need current research information from refereed journals on the treatment of high blood pressure"

**STEP 2:** Identify the important concepts in your search

"High blood pressure and treatment"

**STEP 3:** The information needed needs to be based on current research from peer reviewed or refereed journals. You can locate this type of information by using a bibliographic database that indexes the contents of the journals – in this instance CINAHL.