



How is PubMed / MEDLINE different from CINAHL?

PubMed / MEDLINE

- Coverage: 1950's-the present
- Indexes 3500 journals
- Includes only journal articles

- Focuses on biomedical journal literature

- Database size - over 14 million citations
- Uses MeSH, Medical Subject Headings as its controlled vocabulary.

E.g.

MeSH is **nursing theory**, no explosion possible

- Uses **PT** for Publication type
E.g. review in pt
- Not possible to identify peer-reviewed journals

CINAHL

(Cumulated Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature)

- Coverage: 1982-the present
- Indexes 1100 journals
- Includes journal articles, book chapters, dissertations, AVs, nurse practice acts, etc.

- Focuses on nursing and allied health literature

- Database size – 920,000 citations
- Based upon MeSH with addition of nursing / allied health terms called CINAHL Subject Headings

E.g.

CINAHL is **nursing theory** and can be exploded to include specific theories

- Uses **DT** for Document type
E.g. research in dt
- Peer-reviewed journal limit available