

**EXAMPLE 1**

**Developing a Search Statement**

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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 current research about the disease. You must obtain current research about it from refereed journals or peer reviewed journals. You select high blood pressure or hypertension. 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.

"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 is required to be 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 is the database that will be used.