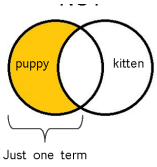
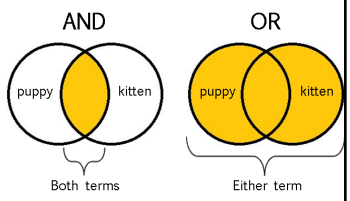
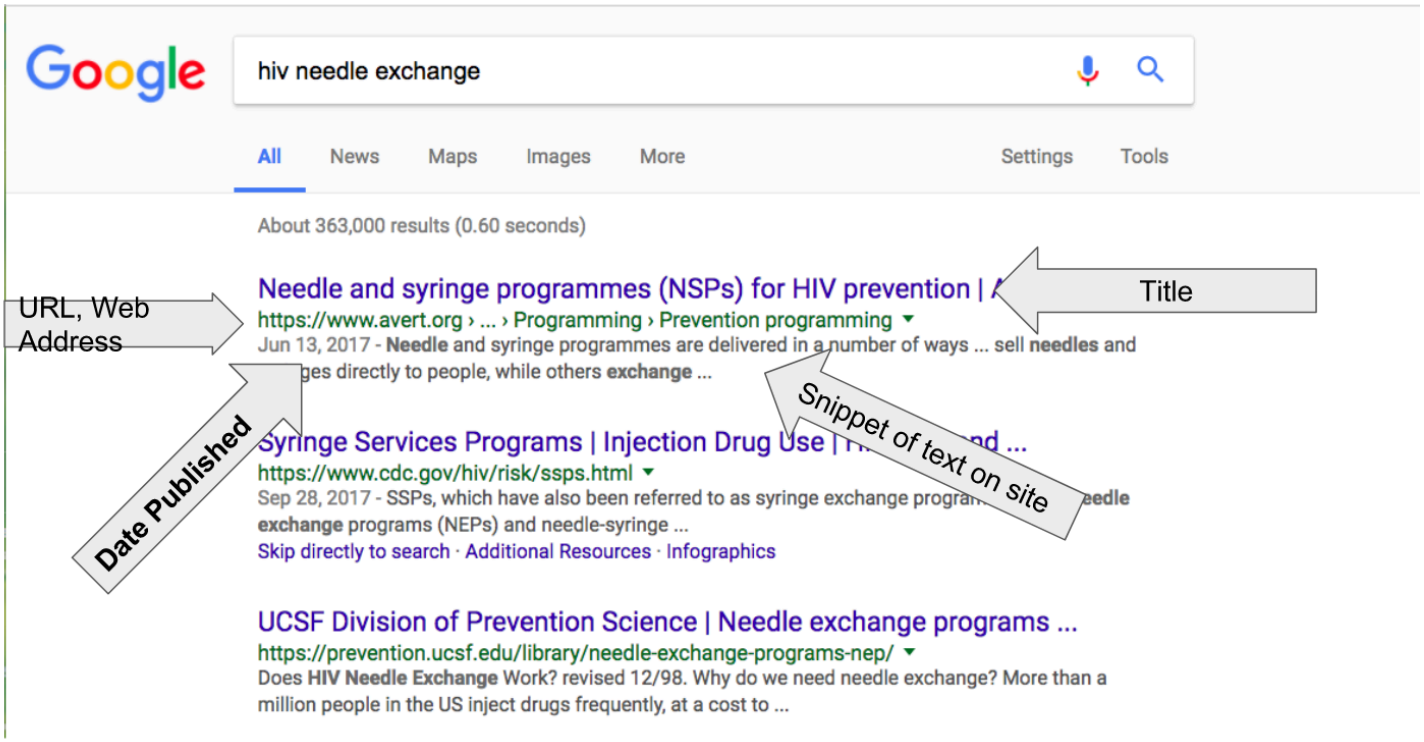
Basic Research Cheat Sheet

	Tip	Enter	Example	Results
1.	Search by site (all results from one specific site)	Site:nameofsite.domain search terms *Remember not to put a space until you are entering your search terms!*	site:NIH.gov HIV Needle Exchange	All results matching key terms will come from the site you named Narrows search results
	Search by site (domain type)	Site:.domain search terms *Remember not to put a space until you are entering your search terms!*	Site:.gov HIV Needle Exchange	All results matching key terms will come from sites that end in the domain you chose (ex. .org, .gov., .edu, .com) Narrows search results
2.	Only find the exact phrase	"Put quotation marks around the phrase you are searching for"	"Needle exchange"	Search results will include that exact phrase, with the words in that specific order Narrows search results
3.	Minus a common term (-)	Key terms -common term *Do not put a space between the minus and the common term*	Needle exchange -AIDS	Will take out search results that include that common term  Narrows search results
4.	Use OR or AND	Key Term 1 AND Key Term 2 Key Term 1 OR Key Term 2 *OR and AND must be capitalized or Google will ignore them*	HIV AND Needle Exchange HIV OR Needle Exchange	 AND narrows results OR expands results

How to Read your Search Results



Remember...

The search terms you use matter!

Google is an **index** of what is on the internet. It works like a table of contents - **it lists the content that is available to you and gives you links to find it.**