



## INTRODUCTION

- Provides a background of the issue – what do we already know of an issue, and what do we want to know
- Discusses the existing clinical problem (the “need” for a review of evidence)
- Provides the nursing clinical question (in question format)
- Places work in the context of the existing literature that supports doing the next step of a review of evidence for your clinical question
- Uses bullets
- Can use graphics
- Do NOT pre-state your findings to your clinical question! This section is to present WHY you need to find out more
- Brevity and conciseness

## METHODOLOGY

- Strategy to find your articles
- Which databases
- Year range
- Key words in exact parentheses or quotations, with Boolean operators
- Key phrases (as above)
- Any limiters used
- Inclusion criteria (ex: quantitative, primary, peer-reviewed)
- Exclusion (ex: dissertations, QI projects, pilot studies)
- Think about flowcharts to show strategy (not required)

## RESULTS

- Include some of the analyzed data here in graphic format, equations, etc., if you’d like
- Include summary of results
- Objective data only
- Avoid long sentences
- Use brevity as much as you can
- May “bleed” this box into first and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> columns as you need)
- Summarize trends ... if 3 studies all showed a decrease in WBCs from a certain intervention, just state “Three of the studies showed a decrease of 11-15% in WBCs from...” and then cite those 3
- State contradictory studies (which you can discuss under “Discussion” and show your interpretation), if any (ex: A study (Yada Yada, 2019) with a sample of 2,000 showed no statistical improvement, but 5 studies with limited sample sizes showed an 8% improvement (Bogus, 2019; Dude, 2020; Smith, 2000; Terrance et al., 2001; Yoda, 2020).
- Don’t use phrase of, “In one study...” [we already know it’s a study and would be just one by having just one study cited here] – simply just state a finding and cite it

## DISCUSSION

Use the following 4 subheadings:

- Implications
- Strengths
- Limitations
- Future Recommendations
  
- Do NOT use predictive words like “will”, “should”, “must”, etc., but okay to use potential actions words such as “may” or “might”, etc.
- Utilize brevity with bullets
- Subjective but from research data; it is your interpretation but must come from evidence and not be anecdotal

## REFERENCES

- Use just the top 8 from all of your references – can list more if you have the space
- Use APA format
- Do not include doi/URL (to save space)
- Articles must be quantitative, peer-reviewed, research articles
- No need for hanging indent for the poster
- Might think about printing off a reference sheet with all of your utilized articles for the presentation, but not required