

Nurse, Gain Information Globally - Apply Your Knowledge Locally

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Nursing as one of the most important parts of the health care system is going through considerable changes in connection with the process of preparation of the Czech Republic for entry into the European Union. The principal target is improvement of personal knowledge, skills and qualification of nurses for continuous nursing care enhancement which also requires a new system of their training, lifelong education and using of modern information technologies. The nationwide network of accredited medical libraries and information centres provides access to nursing information sources. Some of the libraries and information centres specialize directly in the field of nursing.

- a) The medical library of Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Kralove is in the process of building a nursing information centre for the students of the bachelor and master programs. The aim is to build, maintain and enable access to a specialized collection of scientific monographs, professional journals and other subject-oriented information resources.
- b) The information centre of the Health Care Educational Institute in Brno collects, processes and provides electronic access to information resources oriented at post secondary specialization education (e.g. in the field of anesthesiology, resuscitation and intensive care, for operating room nurses, midwives, etc.). The information centre publishes a quarterly newsletter RISPON which brings tables of contents of foreign nursing journals, abstracts of representative articles, translations and information about new textbooks for nurses published in the Institute. The information centre is also in the process of building a highly specialized database of journal articles from about a hundred of Czech and foreign journals.

The above mentioned centres exchange medical articles and textbooks with each other, provide interlibrary lending service within the nationwide network of medical libraries and exchange their own specialized newsletters (The Theory of Nursing published in Hradec Kralove and RISPON published in Brno).