

ClinicalKey for Nursing Best Practices



Understanding ClinicalKey

ClinicalKey for Nursing is a clinical search engine that gives educators and students access to Elsevier reference books, Elsevier full text journal articles, drug monographs, Mosby's evidence-based practice nursing monographs, and so much more. Content in ClinicalKey is indexed daily so it always offers the most complete and current collection of trusted nursing answers. This data base is commonly used in clinical facilities by nurses everyday, and now students can benefit from this great resource.

Implementation Ideas for the Tools within ClinicalKey

Books, Guidelines, Journals

Books

ClinicalKey contains over 100, many of which are key reference books used in nursing programs.

- Students can use the Saunders Nursing Drug Handbook, the Mosby's Diagnostic and Laboratory Test Reference, as well as the Clinical Companion to Medical-Surgical Nursing (Lewis) to assist as they prepare for class, lab and clinical.
- Use the case studies books, such as **Clinical Cases: Drug Calculations Case Studies** and **Clinical Cases: Nursing Care Case Studies**, in class, having students work through pertinent cases related to the topic of discussion. Assign these case studies as homework or pre-clinical prep.

Guidelines

Evidence based clinical practice guidelines are available and searchable by specialty, patient age, and authoring organization.

Core Measures

These care guidelines provide a synopsis and relevant evidence of national standards of care and treatment for common conditions. Nursing implication and responsibilities are outlined for each core measure. Reviewing core measures is a great clinical post conference activity.

Journals

ClinicalKey includes all journals published by Elsevier, with full text access. Use this as your basis for teaching evidence-based nursing practice assignments.

- Have students search and read articles specific to the topic of class, the condition of their clinical patient, or important nursing practice topics.
- Make this a weekly journal article activity, where students can present their articles in class, in a discussion forum, during simulation debriefing, or clinical post-conference.

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Documentation and References

Clinical Overviews

This resource provides essential clinical information for any given diagnosis.

- Students can use the clinical overviews when looking up information related to content being covered in class or their clinical patients to easily complete clinical paperwork. Faculty have reported that clinical paperwork greatly improved once they required students to use ClinicalKey to look up information.

Patient Education

This is a great resource that can be used in all settings of the curriculum.

- Have students find the instruction sheets for exemplars or topics that will be discussed in class. Require this as a ticket to class and then during class have students role play providing patient education with a partner.
- Students can also use the instructions in the Simulation and Clinical settings to help guide them during patient interactions.
- Have students use this resource as part of their clinical paperwork related to creating a care plan or concept map. This helps them see the patient as more than just the diagnosis by personalizing the teaching to the patient.
- Clinical Pharmacology powered by ClinicalKey can be used in didactic, lab, and clinical for students to have a comprehensive drug reference solution at their fingertips.

Drug Monographs

This reference guide conveniently lists the included drugs in alphabetical order. Users can also quickly search by drug name to easily locate the product.

- This is an excellent online drug reference for students, and you should encourage them to use it when looking up medications in all course settings including clinical, class, and lab.

Nursing Scales

This section provides overviews of commonly used Nursing Scales in the Clinical Setting.

- Instructors can bring these scales up during class to help students understand clinical documentation.

Mosby's Evidence-Based Nursing Monographs

This evidence-based guide is another great resource for students to use in class.

- When reviewing exemplars, have students look up the exemplar in ClinicalKey. Review the nursing recommendations and facilitate a class discussion on the most important nursing interventions for the selected exemplar. This type of activity will greatly enhance students' critical thinking skills.

Labs

Clinical Key provides a reference for lab values and nursing implications for abnormal values.

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Media and Nursing Instructor Resources

Procedure Videos

This collection of videos is an excellent tool that can be used by instructors to demonstrate common procedures related to clinical management of patient conditions and disorders.

- Project some of the images from the procedure video to spark nursing care discussions.
- Students should be encouraged to do a quick review of ClinicalKey to help them understand the procedure and critically think about what they need to do to ensure safe patient care during that procedure.

Multimedia

Instructors commonly use this feature to find images related to content they are covering.

Nurse Educator Topics

These materials are a great resource for instructors to help with clinical educator topics such as patient safety and never events.

Clinical Updates

This section is primarily utilized by nursing instructors who need access to free CEU credit. You can read information related to current topics and take a test to get this credit. Simply follow the prompts and instructions.