

Showcasing Professional Development: A Nursing & Library Partnership

Nurses across our health system engage in evidence-based practice and human subjects research projects developing and contributing to new knowledge relevant to nursing practice. Substantial time is invested in this work, but access to the findings can be limited.

The library's mission is to provide and promote relevant, high-quality, and timely information services and resources that support informed, evidence-based decision making in all areas of our health system.

How can librarians and nursing researchers partner to enhance the discovery of the internal evidence generated by our providers and employees?

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Background

The Nursing Research and Library teams enjoy a longstanding, close working relationship. Historically, that relationship has been based on the library providing external evidence to nursing researchers and scientists.

As the library re-envisioned its role in the health system in collaboration with nursing research partners, we discovered an opportunity to curate and promote the evidence our employees are creating.

For the nursing research team, this new initiative offers the opportunity to further the impact of their projects by enhancing their discoverability throughout the health system.

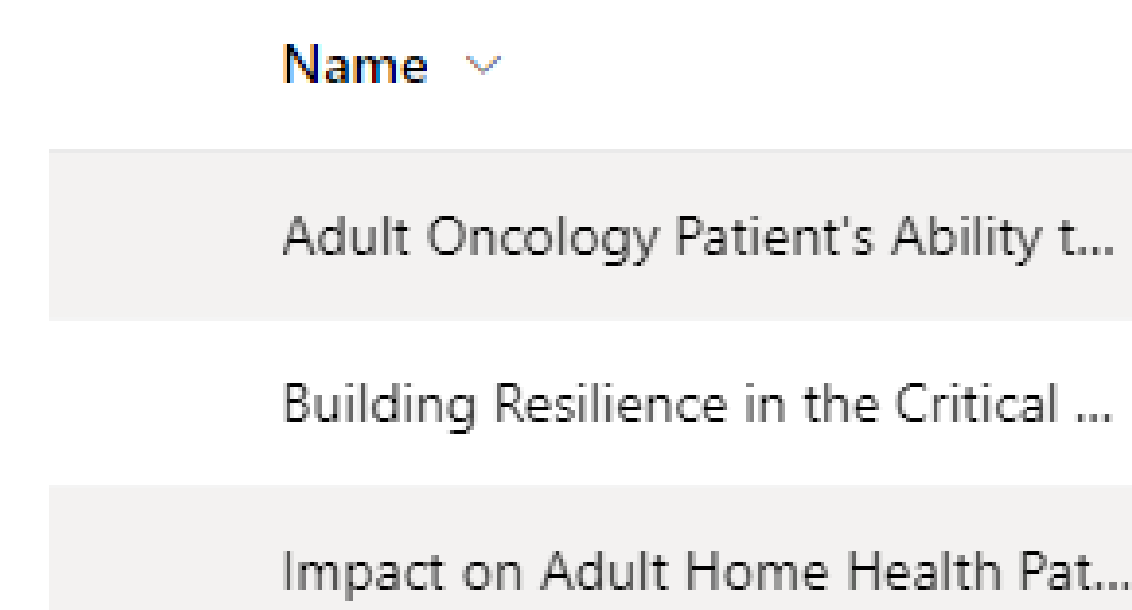
Objectives

- ✓ Create a repository of the research products that nursing researchers create.
- ✓ Establish metadata to ensure the discoverability of projects and to create 'landing pages' for reuse by individual departments.
- ✓ Develop a sustainable approach for gathering submissions in the repository.
- ✓ Allow for public access to the citations but simultaneously allow for internal-only full-text as an option.
- ✓ Utilize existing platforms available within the health system.

Previous State

- Current year projects shared on the Nursing Research intranet page.
- Previous year projects stored in shared drive folders.

2021-2022 Fellowship Posters



Current State

- Nurse researchers and scientists submit publications, posters and presentations to the Library's new St. Luke's Authors Collection.
- The Library team attaches metadata to ensure discoverability by project, year, department and topic.



Next Steps

- Continue to publicize the Authors Collection to staff and researchers.
- Develop engagement plan, promoting submission to the Authors Collection as a key step in the publication process.
- Track usage metrics to better understand contributors, contributions and visitors to the repository.
- Engage with a diverse group of stakeholders to assess impact and opportunities for enhancements.

Methods

1. Review how other libraries support and promote the evidence their institutions create.
2. Inventory the types of research products the health system is creating.
3. Determine the level of accessibility allowed for each type of product; define necessary metadata elements.
4. Review requirements to determine if an existing library or health system software platform is available.
5. Launch a soft pilot with a sampling of entries and gather stakeholder feedback.
6. Develop scope for initial platform launch and sustainable plan for submissions.
7. Build, launch, and promote!

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