



AGACNP and FNP Acceptable References

Rationale: As future providers, one will want to follow the evidenced-based practice that is accepted by regulatory authorities. The authorities and peer-reviewed journals have the input of many professionals and do not just rely on one provider's opinion. As a provider, you want your care to be substantiated by best practices, published treatment plans, and protocols and be defensible with respect to other providers and lawsuits.

Examples of these authorities include but are not limited to:

ACOG, AADE, ADA, American College of Surgeons, etc.

Acceptable Resources	Unacceptable Resources
• Textbooks used in your courses • Peer-reviewed journal articles: ○ <i>New England Journal of Medicine</i> ○ <i>Diabetes Educator</i> ○ <i>Journal of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners</i> ○ UpToDate (with author) ○ Epocrates – Drug information only	• WebMD • Emedicine.com • Dynamed • Stat pearls • Medscape • Blogs • Educational tools for patients • Mayo and Cleveland Clinic – opinions, not evidence • Materials aimed at the "lay" person

How to locate adequate resources that are peer-reviewed:

- Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/>
- Link your computer to the GCU Library.

Library Resources/Education Links:

- Library Walkthrough Tutorial: <https://lc.gcumedia.com/mediaElements/library-walk-through-tutorial/v2.1/>
- Nursing and Health Sciences Research Guide: <https://libguides.gcu.edu/Nursing>
- Nursing Webinar: <https://libguides.gcu.edu/webinars>
- Appointments with a librarian:
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 - Email: <https://library.gcu.edu/AskALibrarian>