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**Title:** Evaluating the Efficacy of an Educational Program to Assist Nurses in Determining the Credibility of Health-Related Websites

**Purpose:** To evaluate the efficacy of an educational program to evaluate the credibility of health-related websites

**Objective 1:** 1. Evaluate the efficacy of an educational program to assist nurses in determining the credibility of health-related websites.

**Objective 2:** 2. Determine nurses baseline knowledge of strategies used to evaluate website credibility

**Objective 3:**

**Abstract:**

This project examines the efficacy of an educational program designed to assist nurses in determining the credibility of health-related websites. We conducted a small randomized controlled trial comparing individuals who had (intervention group) and had not (control group) participated in an educational training session using The C.A.R.S. Checklist for Evaluating Internet Sources. Individuals completed an approximately 20 minute online questionnaire designed to measure knowledge of strategies used to evaluate website credibility at baseline and at two week follow-up. To date, two-thirds of the participants have taken the post survey. Preliminary analyses regarding the effectiveness of the intervention suggest that the intervention and control groups increased their questionnaire scores from time one to time two, with no significant differences between groups, and the effectiveness of the intervention is inconclusive.