Assessing Open Access

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Session Objectives

- Review the academic journal publishing spectrum
- Identify the benefits of open access
- Identify and evaluate open access journals
- Assess the costs of traditional and open access publishing
Academic Publishing
Journal Publishing Spectrum

Traditional
- JAMA, Journal of Nursing Education
- Limited access
- Subscription

Hybrid
- Elsevier Open Access Option, Springer Open
- Subscription & author publication fees

Open Access
- BioMed Central, PLoS journals
- Free online access
- Can charge authors to submit
Open Access Benefits
Open Access (OA) Advantages

- Greater availability
- Faster publication cycle
- Visibility
- **May be cited**, downloaded, tweeted, blogged more frequently (altmetrics)
More exposure for your work

Researchers in developing countries can see your work

Practitioners can apply your findings

Higher citation rates

Taxpayers get value for money

Compliant with grant rules

The public can access your findings

Your research can influence policy
Open Access

By Peter Suber

*free*
Identifying & assessing OA journals
Directory of Open Access Journals

- [www.doaj.org](http://www.doaj.org)
- Online directory that indexes and provides links to open access and peer-reviewed journals
- Launched in 2003, contains 9,000 open access journals
Evaluating nurse staffing patterns and neonatal intensive care unit outcomes using Levine’s Conservation Model of Nursing to explore the influences of intensity of nursing care and consistency of nursing caregivers on health and economic outcomes.

Jane will then compare your document to millions of records in Medline.
Jane Results

These journals have articles most similar to your input:
"Evaluating nurse staffing patterns and neonatal intensive care unit outcomes using Levine's Conserva..."

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Avoid Predators

- “Beall’s List”

- Jeffrey Beall, a CU-Denver librarian, provides a list of questionable, scholarly OA publishers and journals

- Criteria for Determining Predatory Open Access Publishers
Evaluating OA

- The journal/publisher is member of the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association
- OR adhere to its Code of Conduct
Assessing Copyright Policies

- SHERPA/RoMEO
  http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/index.php

- Find publisher and journal’s copyright policies

- Search self-archiving limits

- Green OA (MOspace-institutional repository)
Assessing the Costs
Price Escalation

Increases in subscription costs, combined with decreases to the Libraries’ base funding, yields fewer purchases of non-serials, (books, DVDs, scores, etc.)
Paying for it all

- Research grants
- Ask for waivers
- 12% author pay fees out of pocket

(Suber, 2012)
Guides to OA & Author Rights

- Publishing and Being Cited Guide
  http://libguides.library.umkc.edu/whoscitedme

- NIH Open Access Policy - Starting Out
  http://libguides.library.umkc.edu/NIHCompliance
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