FAQ: Peer-Reviewed or Refereed Journals in PubMed®

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Other sources, which may be available through a local library for identifying peer reviewed or refereed journals are:

- Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL) database, published by EBSCO, has a Peer Reviewed subset.
- Medical and Health Care Books and Serials in Print, edited by Bowker staff and published by Grey House Publishing; the Serials volume has a symbol in front of refereed journal titles.
- Ulrichsweb: a Global Serials Directory published by ProQuest LLC, provides information on each journal record if it is a refereed journal.