Wednesday Lunch & Learn
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What You Should Know About Predatory Journals

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The Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) webinar on Predatory Journals by speaker Dr. Kelly Cobey, from the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute (OHRI).
Directories of screened journals

http://nursingeditors.com/journals-directory

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Directories of screened journals

https://doaj.org/

13,858 Journals
10,965 searchable at Article level
130 Countries
4,401,080 Articles
Scholarly databases

- CINAHL, Medline, Scopus, and Web of Science - suggested databases for searching within pre-approved health care-related journals
- Be careful of PubMed’s OA repository PMC (these articles have a PMCID number and should be scrutinized)
- If the journal name appears in the NCBI databases/NLM catalog it is also ‘safe’
  www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nlmcatalog/journals
- Scrutinize journals of articles found through Google Scholar
Microevaluation: Quick List of Predatory Publisher Warning Signs

- The name of the journal is overly broad (for example, *Journal of Health*) or covers unrelated disciplines (for example, *Journal of Nursing and Dental Care*).
- The journal has few archived volumes, with issues appearing at irregular intervals rather than monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, or the like.
- Articles in previous issues do not pertain to the scope of the journal (a quick scan of article titles in archived issues reveals content from outside the discipline).
- Multiple spelling and grammatical errors are seen on the journal website and/or within archived articles.
- There is no or an unclear description of the peer review/referee process in the “About This Journal” section or within the author guidelines.
- There is no or little information about the editor to indicate her or his credentials and reputation in the field. A further illuminating step is to separately investigate whether the editor has published in other venues.
- Full journal contact details (mailing address, phone number, and e-mail) are not provided on the website.

*No single indicator*

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