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How to Evaluate an Online Journal

LOOK FOR THE FOLLOWING TO DETERMINE THE QUALITY OF AN ONLINE JOURNAL

1. Publisher Who publishes the journal?	
2. Editor/Editorial Board Are names, affiliation, credentials, and contact information provided?	
3. Peer-review Is the journal peer-reviewed? Is the process clear, and/or reviewers listed?	
4. Journal Abbreviation What is the NLM abbreviation for this journal? (for AMA style)	
5. Subject material What topics or disciplines are covered?	
6. Currency and Archiving Is the journal website current? Is a current issue showing? Is there an archive of past issues provided?	
7. Design Features Does the journal website contain misspellings or grammatical errors, dead links, statements promising rapid publication, odd or questionable content?	
8. Access Is it subscription, open access, or hybrid? Are there author fees?	
9. Impact Factor Is there a JCR Journal Impact Factor provided?	
10. Indexing & Abstracting In which databases is this journal indexed and abstracted? (E.g. MEDLINE, CINAHL, Embase, Scopus, etc.)	

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