



Evaluating Health Information Worksheet

Consider these five criteria when you evaluate health information online...



Accuracy:

Is the information based on sound medical research?

Can the information be verified by another source?

Yes No Sort of

Are there reliable sources listed? If so, what makes the sources reliable?

Yes No Sort of _____



Authority:

Who published the page?

Can you easily find contact information? If so, where did you find this information?

Yes No Sort of _____

Is the author an expert on this topic?



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Bias:

Does the information show just one point of view?

Can you judge the author's purpose in posting the information? If so, what is the purpose?

Yes No Sort of _____

Do the graphics, fonts, and words play to the reader's emotions? (Hint: CAPITAL LETTERS, exclamation points!!! And words like MIRACLE CURE!!!)

Yes No Sort of _____

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Currency:

When was the information published or posted?

Has the information been updated or revised since publication?

Yes No Sort of

Does your topic require current information, or will older sources work as well?

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Coverage:

How does this information compare with other sources on the same topic?

Does this source provide information that meets your needs? Why or why not?

Yes No Sort of _____

Is a better source available? If so, which one?

Yes No Sort of _____
