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Medical professionals rarely practice their craft in a vacuum. As such, it’s helpful (and perhaps required of some) to develop one’s skills in leadership and administration. There are a few titles that are obviously useful for your field that address organization science in a healthcare context, such as *Journal of Nursing Management* or *Nursing Leadership and Management*. While these are certainly worth your time if you wish to become an informed, effective leader in your field, you may want to branch out to the broader Management & Organization Studies collection from Sage! There are titles here that will discuss transferrable skills in marketing yourself, managing people, fostering good relations, and just being an effective leader.

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Did you know…?

Health Infonet of Alabama is a resource built on the knowledge and experiences of both health science librarians and medical professionals. You’ll find recommendations for using “gateway” resources such as Medline or RxList, but the directory feature is a boon for Alabama residents. This is an easy way to locate service providers by city, services provided, or health topic across Alabama. It’s a great way to stay informed on what our state offers, especially if you plan on practicing in Alabama. Check it out!

ProQuest’s Health & Medicine collection brings a mix of journal articles, reports, and some conference papers to aid in your research process. Much like EBSCO’s platform, ProQuest has a fairly consistent interface experience across its various databases, so jumping from one PQ collection to another is simply a matter of switching the subject matter. By default, Salmon Library has tailored the Health & Medicine collection to search across relevant databases such as Health and Science Abstracts, MEDLINE, TOXLINE, and COS Conference Papers. You can customize your research further by selecting document or source types you’re interested in finding, such as case studies or proceedings. You might get a mixed bag of full text and abstracts from searching, but you’ll be exposed to a nice cross-section of data types, especially regarding peer-reviewed journals and conference papers.

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