

EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT STUTTERING, I LEARNED ON THE INTERNET

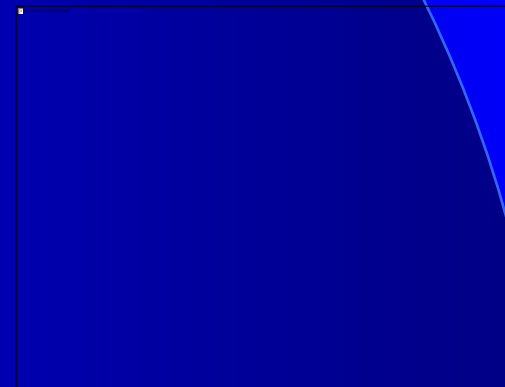
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Wide Range and Type of Resources about Stuttering

- **Research sites**
- **Electronic journals and journal services**
- **Online bibliographies**
- **Online conferences**
- **Primarily to provide information**
- **Advertising a product or program**
- **A new site for professionals only**

Is a wide range of

QUALITY

Need to use professional judgment

- Determine the **PURPOSE**
- Determine the **AUTHORITY**
- Evaluate the **CONTENT**
- Evaluate the **STYLE** and **FUNCTIONALITY**

PURPOSE?

- **Determine the intended audience**
 - **Consumers?**
 - **Professionals?**
 - **Researchers?**

- **Why is audience trying to be reached?**
 - **To provide broad-based, general information?**
 - **To provide specialized information?**
 - **To convince?**
 - **To sell a product?**

AUTHORITY?

- **Who IS the source?**
- **What are this person's qualifications?**
- **Is there a mail-to link where you can find out more about the author?**
- **Some clues - but don't always count on this:**
 - **Check the extensions - .edu .gov .org .com**
 - **Name in URL may mean a personal page with no official sanction**

CONTENT?

- ❑ **Are sources for factual information clearly provided?**
- ❑ **Do you find typos in the information? - can produce inaccuracies (not/now)**
- ❑ **Websites are rarely “reviewed” or “refereed” like journals and books**
- ❑ **Look for evidence of bias**
- ❑ **Current? Complete or continuously updated?**

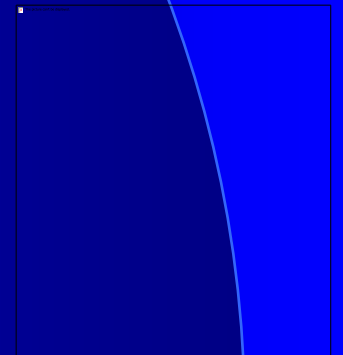
STYLE & FUNCTIONALITY?

- ❑ **Clearly and logically laid out with well-organized subsections?**
- ❑ **Writing style appropriate to the audience?**
- ❑ **Site easy to navigate (back, home, internal indexes on long pages)**
- ❑ **Is there a REASON for any glitz?**
- ❑ **Links work?**
- ❑ **Search engine on the site?**

Research

- **Designed to connect researchers with research subjects**
- **Reporting findings**

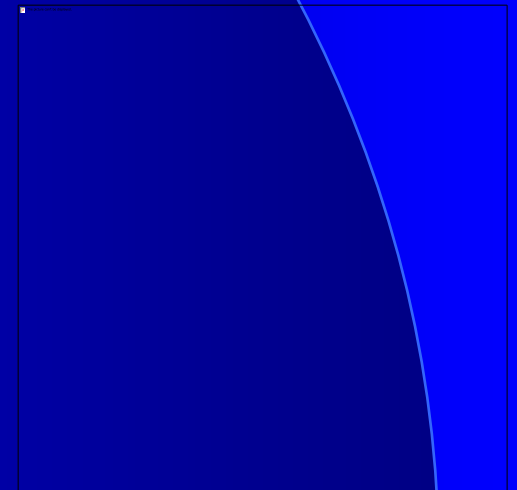
Journal services and Electronic journals (e-publications)



Online Bibliographies



Online Conferences and Conference Papers



Websites to provide information

- **By certified clinicians and professors**
- **By consumers**
- **By organizations**

Websites to advertise a program or sell a product

- **By certified clinicians**
- **By consumers**
- **By others**

New website

<http://www.mnsu.edu/dept/comdis/division4/division4.html>

For Division 4 Members

Academic information

Therapy information

