DATABASE vs DISCOVERY TOOL

★★ A SEARCH METHOD SHOWDOWN ★★

ONE SEARCH : EXAMINING THE USE AND PERCEPTIONS OF A DISCOVERY TOOL

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OBJECTIVES

THIS STUDY SEEKS TO MEASURE STUDENTS' OPINIONS OF A DISCOVERY TOOL, SUMMON (ONE SEARCH), WHEN COMPARED TO THE SUBJECT SPECIFIC DATABASE CINAHL.

METHODS

- UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS FROM THE COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES ATTENDED LIBRARY INSTRUCTION SESSIONS ON CINAHL AND SUMMON

- STUDENTS WERE GIVEN A CLINICAL SCENARIO AND THEN ASKED TO LOCATE RELEVANT INFORMATION USING BOTH SUMMON AND CINAHL

- FOLLOWING THIS EXERCISE, STUDENTS PROVIDED THEIR PERCEPTIONS OF THE TWO RESOURCES WITH A FIVE QUESTION SURVEY

1 WHICH RESOURCE DID YOU PREFER?

	RESPONSE %	RESPONSE COUNT
SUMMON	6%	5
CINAHL	94%	78

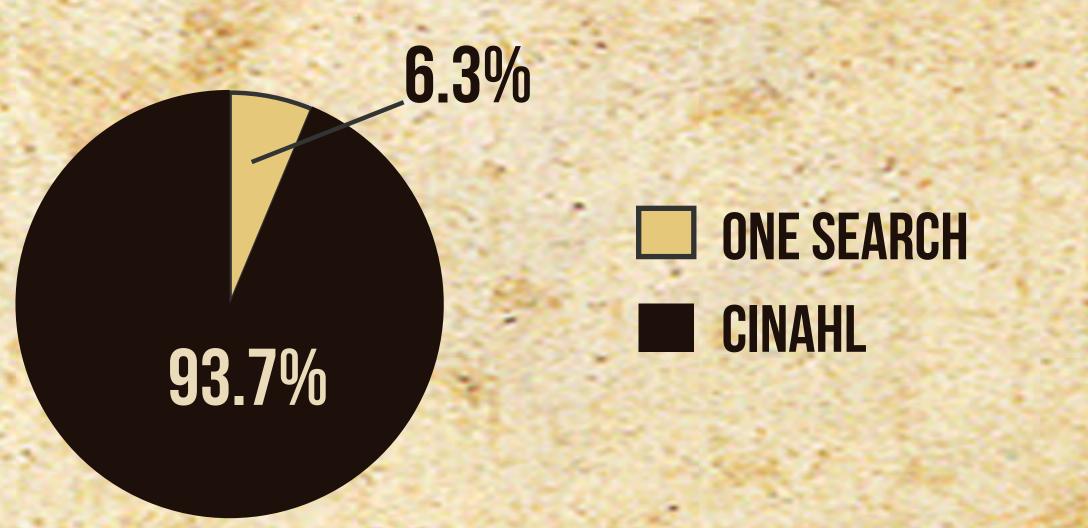## 2 WHAT DID YOU FIND THE MOST HELPFUL ABOUT SUMMON? CINAHL?

"SUMMON IS A GREAT STARTING POINT AND CINAHL IS GOOD FOR SPECIFIC RESEARCH"

"SUMMON: EASY TO FIND, EASY TO GET STARTED. CINAHL: ONCE WE WERE SHOWN HOW TO USE, VERY EASY TO SEARCH FOR SPECIFIC TOPICS"
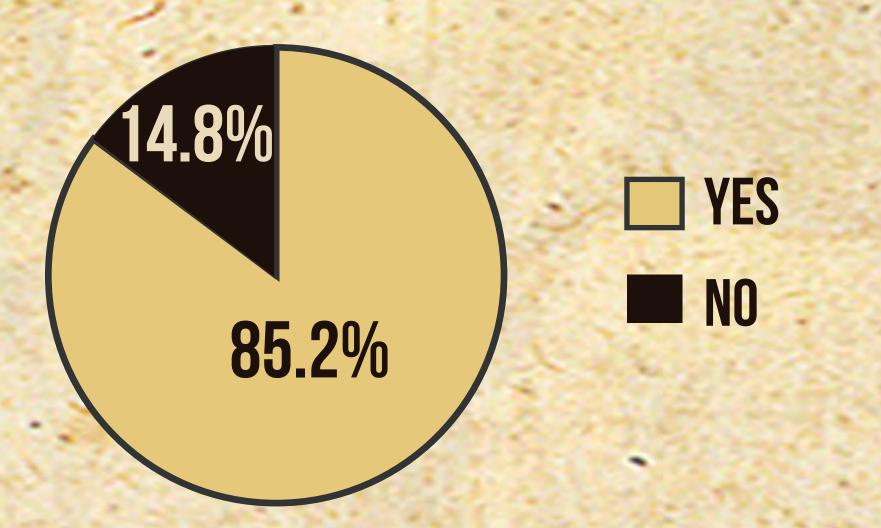
3 WHAT DID YOU LIKE THE LEAST ABOUT SUMMON? CINAHL?

"I FEEL THAT SUMMON GIVES A VERY BROAD RANGE OF RESULTS. CINAHL TAKES LONGER TO COMPLETE"

"SUMMON DOESNT NARROW SEARCH AS MUCH AS CINAHL AND DOESN'T HAVE AS MANY SUBHEADINGS OR LIMITS TO CHOOSE"

RESULTS

4 WHAT RESEARCH TOOL WOULD YOU BE MOST LIKELY TO USE CINAHL OR SUMMON?

6.3% ONE SEARCH
93.7% CINAHL

5 WOULD YOU USE SUMMON IN THE FUTURE?

14.8% YES
85.2% NO

CONCLUSIONS

- STUDENTS PREFERRED THE SUBJECT SPECIFIC DATABASE, CINAHL

- CINAHL'S FACETS AND EASE OF NAVIGATION WERE IDEAL

- ALTHOUGH STUDENTS PREFERRED CINAHL, THEY WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO USE SUMMON AGAIN

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