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**ARE YOU READY TO USE MOBILE DEVICES  
TO ACCESS MEDICATION DATABASES IN  
CLINICAL SETTINGS?****Interesting Websites:****Skyscape Software**<http://www.skyscape.com/siue>**Unbound Medicine**<http://unboundmedicine.com/>**Pepid Software**<http://www.pepid.com>**Epocrates**<http://epocrates.com>**Technoloy Tips for iPhone 3G**

- **When using Safari to search the internet, tap the top of the screen to automatically scroll to the top of the page.**
- **When you are on application screens that are not the home page, hold the button in until the screen changes to the home-page.**
- **Double click on the spacebar when typing and a period will magically appear!**
- **Podcasts are available in iTunes and work very well on the iPhone. They are all free!!!!**

**Did you know that a quick way to access drug information in the hospital is to use a mobile device that is loaded with a drug database?**

Both faculty and students benefit from using drug databases on mobile devices in the hospital setting. Students obtain information quicker and can easily access the nursing implications for drug administration and patient teaching by using these devices. The types of devices that can store drug databases include several different platforms such as: smartphones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), and even an iPod Touch.

Types of smartphones that can natively ( meaning always available on the device) store databases include iPhones, Google Android Phones (G1), Windows Mobile OS phones, Palm Treos, Blackberry, and

the new Palm Pre. While most people know that any type of PDA can store drug database software, they may not know that the IPOD Touch can also be used to access drug software natively. What a cool idea since many people may have IPODs for their music!!!

There are multiple sites online where you can get nursing drug software. Many faculty and students have the free version of Epocrates (there is also a paid version). However, neither version of Epocrates contains nursing implications and teaching needs of patients related to the medications.

Online companies such as Skyscape, Unbound Medicine, and Pepid provide drug database

software. Everyone needs to individually evaluate these sites to determine which price point fits their needs and to identify whether or not their mobile device platform is supported.

The Curriculum Committees at the SIUE School of Nursing encourage faculty and students to obtain and use these mobile devices to improve learning, facilitate patient interactions, promote safety, and provide the highest quality nursing care. Get yours soon!!!!

**TECHNOLOGY CLUB AND MOBILE DEVICE SUPERUSERS**

Beginning in Fall 2009, the faculty within the School of Nursing would like to start a Technology Club to encourage learning more about technology and to assist end users in using software for mobile devices.

If you would like to be a member of the Technology Club, please contact Dr. Kathy Ketchum, x5482, or via email at [kketchu@siue.edu](mailto:kketchu@siue.edu).

One of the first actions of the Technology Club would be to identify superusers for each of the different types of mobile devices that can store drug database software. So, if you would like to be an iPhone (and IPOD Touch), Blackberry, Google Phone, Palm Treo, Windows Mobile, or Palm Pre superuser, please contact Dr.

Ketchum as well.

We also want to focus on tips for other types of programs and software as well, including Blackboard, Microsoft Word products, Skype, library searching, and other new tech. Please join us in having fun with technology and providing us with skills that can transfer into healthcare careers.