

# Comparison of evidence-based practice vs. scholarly research articles

It is important to closely examine each article to ensure that it meets the criteria for your assignment. Your instructor may want only evidence-based articles or scholarly research articles. With practice, it will become easier to identify the difference.

Most EBP and scholarly articles provide a summary or abstract at the beginning of the article, which allows the reader to get an overview of the article and what the main takeaways are. Often, this section provides enough information for you to determine which type of article you are reading.

- **Evidence-based** articles examine the results (or new knowledge) that has been published in scholarly research articles.
- **Scholarly research** is the process of discovering knowledge and EBP is the use of that knowledge to influence decision-making and bring about change in clinical practice.

Check out the EBP vs. Scholarly Research Article video for more information: <https://youtu.be/gg9QBXjerHM>

	Evidence-Based Article	Scholarly Research Article
Abstract	Sometimes	X
References List	X	X
Technical, complicated language		X
Easy to read	X	
Graphs, charts, tables reporting data/results of research		X
Images, summary or highlight boxes, photographs	X	
Contains Method, Data Collection, Results, Discussion sections		X
Mentions main takeaways from case studies or research, not in detail	X	
Reports research results of a qualitative/quantitative/mixed methods study that was conducted		X