

Wanchai, Ausanee, Jane M. Armer, and Bob R. Stewart. "Complementary and Alternative

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This article explores the use of alternative and complementary medicine among breast

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Brief summary highlights key points; well written

Interesting info about alternative medicine

cancer patients through an analysis of research studies. The authors found that the most popular types of alternative or complimentary medicine used included biologically based practices, mind-body medicine, whole medical systems and energy medicine. Factors that appear to be related to the use of alternative and complimentary therapies include younger age, higher education and income levels, married status, support group membership, and health insurance. Women reported that they tried alternative treatments to improve healing, get emotional support and cure their cancer. The authors recommend that nurses should be more informed about these treatments to ensure safe practice among patients.

This article, which offers an overview of alternative and complementary medicine used by breast cancer patients, is relevant to the research topic and has a recent publication date of 2010. It gives interesting information about cancer treatments other than chemotherapy and radiation. The article is appropriate for college level research because it is research based; the

Critical Evaluation

- Research based
- Recent publication date

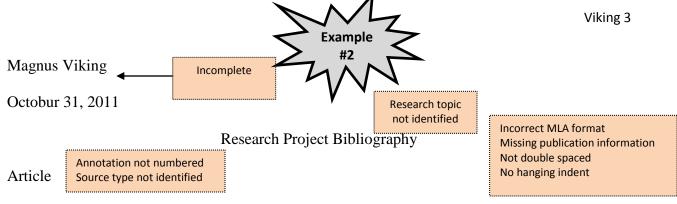
Critical EvaluationAuthors' and journal's authority

authors are affiliated with nursing schools and the journal is published by the Oncology Nursing Society. The Academic Research Complete database was used to locate this article; the search terms alternative medicine and breast cancer gave the best results when used with the

"scholarly/peer reviewed" check box.

## **Accesses Information**

- Names database
- Search terms used
- Limiters used



Ausanee Wanchai and others. Complementary and Alternative Medicine Use Among Women With Breast Cancer: A Systematic Review, Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing (2010): E45-E55.

Summary does not contain key points; tells reader very little about article. Writing not college level; uses contractions. This article talks about women with breast cancer and the kinds of treatments they use.

The information about the use of these treatments was collected from family, friends, healthcare providers, mass media, and self-help groups. Women try these treatments hoping they'll get better. Nurses should know about this information.

Critical Evaluation
Insufficent

The article came from a research database so it must be a good article for college research assignments. It talks about other treatments cancer patients might want to try if they are not happy with treatments like radiation and chemotherapy. It fits my topic, breast cancer treatments, because it's about breast cancer treatments.

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Relevance Brest cancer treatments