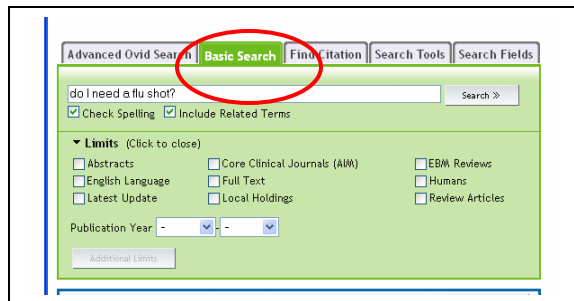


Ovid MEDLINE® Quick Reference Card

Article database covering the fields of medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, and the preclinical sciences. Contains bibliographic citations and abstracts from approximately 3,900 current biomedical journals.

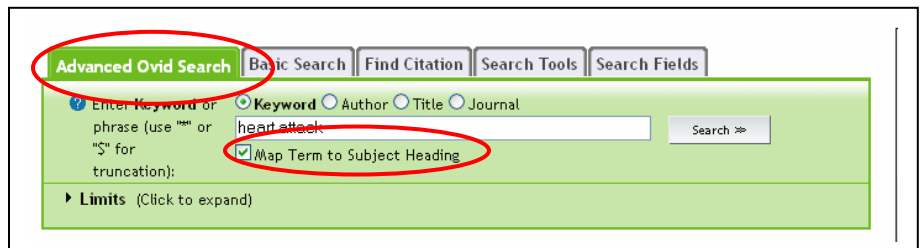
For quick or superficial searches:

1. Choose the **Basic Search** tab
2. Enter your query in natural language (e.g. Do I need a flu shot)



For in-depth research

1. Choose the **Advanced Ovid Search** tab
2. Enter your first search term and it will map to a **Medical Subject Heading (MeSH)**
3. Choose the appropriate MeSH term(s)
4. Combine search terms with AND or OR

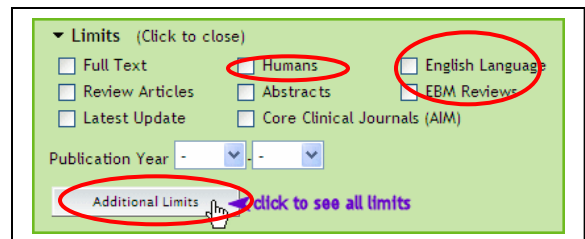


What do I do if I get too many results?

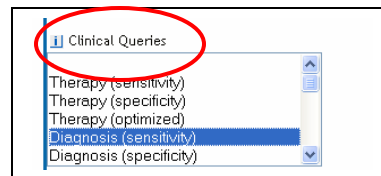
- Choose a **more precise search word or phrase (either MeSH or keyword)** (e.g. use the MeSH *asthma, exercise-induced* instead of *asthma*)

- Apply **limits** (e.g. humans, publication year or range of years, **EBM Reviews (Evidence Based Medicine)**, etc.)

- Limit by specific **publication types** (e.g. **randomized controlled trials or meta analysis**) – click on the Additional Limits box

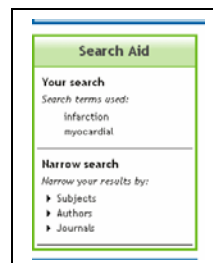


- Limit to **Clinical Queries** (by clicking on the Additional Limits box) to restrict to **clinically sound studies**



- Consider adding **additional search terms** (more terms combined with **AND** will result in fewer results)

- Look at the tips in the **Search Aid** box to **narrow** your search



What if I get too few results?

- **Explode** your MeSH term
- Choose a **broader search word or phrase** (e.g. *cardiovascular diseases* instead of *myocardial infarction*)
- Combine **keywords** with your MeSH terms (e.g. (postpartum OR post partum).mp. OR exp Postpartum Period/)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	2	exp heart diseases/	262963	DISPLAY

Remove Selected | Combine selections with: Save Search History

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<input type="checkbox"/>	2	(postpartum or post partum).mp.	15006	DISPLAY
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	1 or 2	22353	DISPLAY

- Consider additional ways of expressing your concept (more terms combined with **OR** will result in **more** results)
- Remove any **limits**

- Read **Scope Notes** to look for **related terms** which may be added to your search with an OR (e.g. Scope Note for “Obesity” has Related MeSH Terms: anti-obesity agents, appetite depressants, body weight, diet reducing, lipectomy, and skinfold thickness)
- Try the **Find Similar** link to search for other articles that contain related words and synonyms in their titles and to compile a list of articles with similar content.

Customize Display/Reset Display
View All Abstracts: Sort By: - Results Per Page: 11

Results of your search: childhood obesity [No Related Terms]
Viewing 1-11 of 552 Results Your Recent Searches [+] Next Result

Go to #: [1] GO

Score: ★★★★★

1. Edwards B. **Childhood obesity**: a school-based approach to increase nutritional knowledge and activity levels. [Review] [24 refs] [Journal Article, Research Support, Non-U.S. Gov't, Research Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S., Review] *Nursing Clinics of North America*. 40(4):661-9, viii-ix, 2005 Dec. UI: 16324939 Authors Full Name Edwards, Beth.

How do I save results to RefWorks, EndNote, Reference Manager or another bibliographic management software?

Select the citations you wish to keep.

1. From the **Results Manager** box choose **Complete Reference**
2. Choose **Direct Export**
3. Click **Save**
4. The resulting window will allow you to save to RefWorks, EndNote, Reference Manager or Procite.

Top 3 search tips:

1. Search for each concept as a separate set

Break your topic into concepts and search for each one separately. Then, combine the individual sets/concepts.

2. Create a **personal account** to save your searches and/or create **auto alerts** (to be automatically alerted when new articles are added to the database that match your search terms)

3. Contact the Gerstein Library for assistance :<http://content.library.utoronto.ca/gerstein/research/>

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