

PubMed Tips

Try This...	Tell PubMed....
Start with a keyword search	Enter keywords (or synonyms for these terms) you would expect to find in an <i>article title</i> or <i>abstract</i> [PubMed does not search the full text of articles]
Search by phrase (“ ”)	Add quotations around words to tell PubMed to find an <i>exact phrase</i>
Search for words in the title [ti]	PubMed to search for words in article titles [Do not use this for comprehensive searches] Ex: “pressure ulcer”[ti] AND mattress[ti]
Search by Author [au]	Search PubMed for a particular author Ex: Rivara FP[au]
Find Related Citations	In the <i>abstract view</i> , take a look at <i>the related citations</i> generated for a particular article (right hand side of page)
Construct a search using MeSH terms <i>MeSH terms are Medical Subject Headings and are assigned to all indexed articles in PubMed; they are a key in finding relevant articles</i>	Once you’ve identified an article that looks relevant, take a look at the article’s MeSH terms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the abstract view, click on the + next to Publication Types, MeSH terms. • Click on a term to send it to the PubMed search box. • You may combine terms, but you may receive better results by starting with two or three terms. • You may add keywords to your search to narrow your results.

CINAHL Tips

Try This...	Tell CINAHL...
Limit to Research Articles	Check the <i>Research Article</i> box to show only research articles in your results
Limit to Peer Reviewed Articles	Check the <i>Peer Reviewed</i> box to show only results from peer reviewed journals in your results
Exclude PubMed Results	Check the <i>Exclude MEDLINE Records</i> box to show only results unique to CINAHL
Limit to Evidence-Based Practice	Check the <i>Evidence-Based Practice</i> box to retrieve articles from evidence-based practice journals
Find Similar Results	View a citation of interest and click the title to see the Detailed Record. Click on <i>Find Similar Results</i> on the left side of the screen.
Search by CINAHL Heading	Select a citation of interest and click the title to see the Detailed Display. Inspect the <i>Major Subjects and Minor Subjects</i> fields in the citation record. Click on an individual term to run a search on that subject heading or copy desired terms into individual search boxes to create a new search.

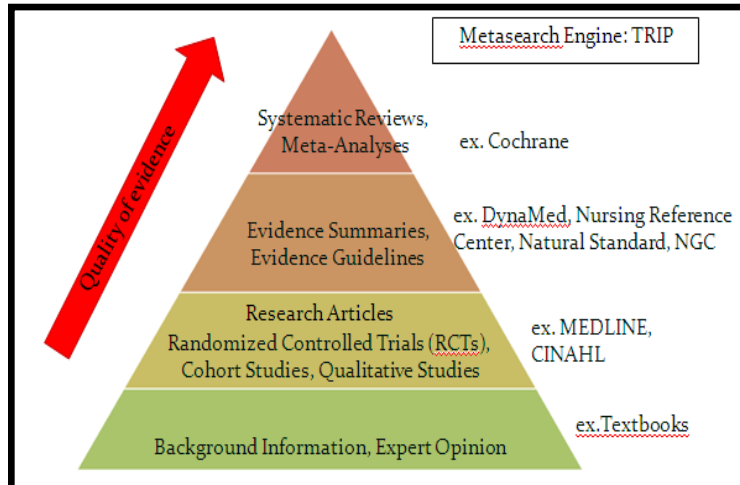
Other Tips:

1. Still not finding what you're looking for? Try **Google Scholar**: scholar.google.com.
2. Starting from **DynaMed**, an evidence-based clinical resource providing summaries of 3500+ diseases and conditions? Take a look at the citations within the entry. Some of them link to full-text articles. Also look at the Guidelines and Resources section.
3. General rule of thumb: If you're searching longer than 15 minutes, call/email your librarian for assistance.

Searching for Evidence Pyramid

To find Research Articles, examples are CINAHL and PubMed/MEDLINE.

To find Evidence Summaries, an example is DynaMed.



The **Beyond Google: Strategies for Finding Evidence** PowerPoint can be found under "Presentations" at: libguides.hsl.washington.edu/schnall

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