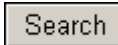



Search Techniques for EBSCOhost Users

Searching using free text

1. Type a word or phrase in the search box and click on .
2. Truncate words using an asterisk (*) to retrieve all variants on it, e.g. **ulcer*** will retrieve articles containing the following words: ulcer, ulcers, ulceration.

Searching by individual fields



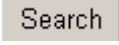
1. Go to  and click on the **field codes** link underneath the search box.
2. The available field codes will be listed.
3. Prefix your search with the relevant field code:
 - Type **AU smith** to search for articles containing Smith as the author
 - Type **TI immunisation** to search for articles containing the word 'immunisation' in the title
 - Type **AB advanced nurse practitioner*** to find articles containing that phrase in the abstract.
 - Type **SO journal of advanced nursing** to find articles in that journal.

Searching for more than one topic

Use the Boolean operators (**and or not**) to combine your terms:

- Type **ulcer* and dressing*** to find articles containing **both** the word 'ulcer*' and the word 'dressing*'.
• Type **ulcer* or pressure sore*** to find articles containing **either** the word 'ulcer*' or the phrase 'pressure sore*'.
• Type **ulcer* not peptic** to find articles containing the word 'ulcer*' **but not** the word 'peptic'.






Combining searches already carried out

1. From the results screen, click on .
2. Your previous searches will be displayed.
3. Tick in the boxes next to the searches you wish to combine.
4. Choose **and**, **or** or **not** from the drop down menu, as appropriate.
5. Click on  to paste the search strategy in the search box, and then on .

Limiting / expanding results

1. In both the Basic and Advanced search screens, you can limit your search by date, source, and full text / abstract availability.
2. You can also expand your search to find related terms.

Selecting results to print, save or e-mail

1. On the results screen, click on  **Add** to the right of the records you wish to keep.
2. When you have finished marking references, click on  **Folder has items.**
3. At the next screen, click on  **Print**  **E-mail**  **Save to Disk** as relevant.