

Step 5: Combine search results

Search history

☐ Select All ?

Line	Database	Search Term	View Results
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	AMED, EMBASE, HMIC, MEDLINE, PsycINFO, BNI, CINAHL, HEALTH BUSINESS ELITE	cancer ti,ab	2171541 <input type="button" value="Apply Limits"/> <input type="button" value="x"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	AMED, EMBASE, HMIC, MEDLINE, PsycINFO, BNI, CINAHL, HEALTH BUSINESS ELITE	(breast AND cancer) ti,ab	422684 <input type="button" value="Apply Limits"/> <input type="button" value="x"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	AMED, EMBASE, HMIC, MEDLINE, PsycINFO, BNI, CINAHL, HEALTH BUSINESS ELITE	(skin AND cancer) ti,ab	61283 <input type="button" value="Apply Limits"/> <input type="button" value="x"/>

☒ AND ☐ OR To combine two line numbers using NOT, enter the line numbers in the search box below: for example 1 NOT 2

As you carry out searches they are added to the search history as line numbers. When you have carried out more than one search you can combine the results to create new line numbers.

There is a 'Combine' button to combine line numbers using AND or OR. You can also use AND, OR and NOT to combine line numbers as well as search terms in the 'Search' box

Step 6: Limit your search

Select 'Apply' limits to narrow your search. Select tabs and options from the menus available. For example, to limit a search to documents written in English, select the 'Language' tab then select the 'English' tick box. When you have made your selections, select 'Search'.

Deselect all limits if you decide to enter more search terms.

Step 7: View and select results

View the documents returned by a search by selecting the link under 'View' results. To see abstracts and more detail about a document, select the document title.

Select articles you want to save, print or email by selecting the box alongside the title

Step 8: View articles online


Where a full text link is shown, use the blue link to open a copy of the full article online. If the link does not take you straight to the article, look for an OpenAthens login prompt.

Step 9: Export, print or email articles

When you have selected your results you can email, print or save them. Choose the 'Short', 'Medium' or 'Full' display format and then either select 'Email' or choose an out put format such as MS Word or PDF then, select Export to either save or print your results

Searching Healthcare Databases Advanced Search: A short guide

Step 1: Login to Healthcare Databases Advanced Search

NICE Pathways  Evidence services

- Visit NICE Evidence Search at <http://www.evidence.nhs.uk>
- Select 'Journals and databases' from underneath the Evidence Services logo at the top right hand side of the page
- Click on "Begin an advanced search"
- Log in with a current OpenAthens username and password.

Step 2: Choose a database

NHS Evidence Journals and Databases

Select Database Saved Searches Search Recover Searches Alerts My Account

Home > Database select

Select the database(s) you want to search

The Healthcare Databases search is more effective if you search one database at a time, so that you can use thesaurus subject headings, limits and field codes.

AMED Allied and Complementary Medicine 1995 to present Allied health professions, complementary medicine <input type="button" value="About"/>	BNI British Nursing Index 1992 to present Nursing, midwifery, health visitors <input type="button" value="About"/>	CINAHL Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature 1981 to present Nursing, allied health professions <input type="button" value="About"/>	EMBASE Excerpta Medica Database 1992 to present Drugs and pharmacology, other aspects of human medicine <input type="button" value="About"/>
Health Business Elite 1922 to present Healthcare administration, institution management <input type="button" value="About"/>	HMIC Health Management Information Consortium 1979 to present Records from King's Fund and Department of Health <input type="button" value="About"/>	Medline 1950 to present General medical database <input type="button" value="About"/>	PsycINFO 1886 to present Psychology and allied fields <input type="button" value="About"/>

Choose the most relevant database from the ones displayed on the Select database page.

More details are available for each database by selecting 'About'.

Once you have highlighted your databases select 'Search'.

Step 3: Enter your search terms

You are currently searching AMED, BNI, CINAHL, EMBASE, Health Business Elite, HMIC, Medline, PsycINFO ?

Search **Limits**

There are 0 results based on your current criteria

Search Keyword:
Enter search words or line numbers in the box below. You may use AND, OR, NOT, * to search for word stems, "inverted commas" to search for phrases and round brackets () to nest words. ?

IN ☒ Title and Abstract ☐ Journal Name *
☐ Any field ☐ Abstract
☐ Author * ☐ Title
☐ ISSN

* For Author and Journal name enter search terms in "quotation marks". ?

Search

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Type in your first term and select 'Search'. This will return documents with the exact words typed in the 'Title or Abstract'. 'Title' and 'Abstract' is the default setting, but you can select different fields to search, such as 'Journal Name' or 'Author'.

SEARCH TIP - Enter phrases in inverted commas: **"frozen shoulder"**

To search for words with the same stem, use * as a *wild card*:

pregnan* will return documents with the words pregnant, pregnancy or pregnancies.

Add a number to limit the number of letters replaced by the*:

Medic*1 will return documents with the words medic and medics but not medical or medicine.

'OR' SEARCH TIP

Use **OR** where you want either term included in your results:

Oestrogen **OR** Estrogen will return documents with either oestrogen or estrogen or both terms.

'AND' SEARCH TIP

Use **AND** where you want both terms included in your results:

Cancer **AND** Chemotherapy will only return documents with both cancer and chemotherapy.

'NOT' SEARCH TIP

Use **NOT** where you want to exclude the second term from your results:

Cancer **NOT** Lung will return all documents with cancer except those that also have lung. Be careful though: a search using **NOT** is likely to miss relevant documents: in this example, documents that discuss several types of cancer would not be returned if they also mentioned lung cancer.

Step 4: Use the thesaurus

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IN ☒ Title and Abstract ☐ Journal Name *
☐ Any field ☐ Abstract
☐ Publication Type ☐ Author *
☐ Title ☐ ISSN [More fields](#)

☐ Map to Thesaurus ?

* For Author and Journal name enter search terms in "quotation marks". ?

Browse Thesaurus

Search

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Use the thesaurus to find the subject headings used for indexing in the database to get fuller search results. Tick the 'Map to Thesaurus' box, enter your search term and select 'Search'.

From the following screen, select the subject heading, or headings, that best match your needs.

Use [scope] links for more information on the subject headings displayed.

You are currently browsing AMED
Thesaurus

	Select ?	Explode ?	Major ?	Subheadings ?
+ Anatomical Terms [Scope]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
+ Organisms [Scope]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
+ Diseases [Scope]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
+ Chemicals and Drugs [Scope]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
+ Methods and Equipment [Scope]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
+ Psychiatry and Psychology [Scope]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
+ Biological Sciences General [Scope]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
+ Physical Sciences and Research [Scope]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
+ Social Sciences Education and Sociology [Scope]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
+ Technology Industry Agriculture Food [Scope]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
+ Humanities General [Scope]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
+ Information Sciences [Scope]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
+ Population Characteristics and Named Groups [Scope]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
+ Health Care [Scope]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
+ Coordinate Headings [Scope]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
+ Geographicals [Scope]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Select will search for documents where the subject heading is used as an index term.

Explode will search for documents where both the subject heading selected and more specific subject headings are used.

Major descriptor will search only searches for documents where the subject heading is an important concept.

Subheadings allow you to limit the search to different aspects of the subject heading.