


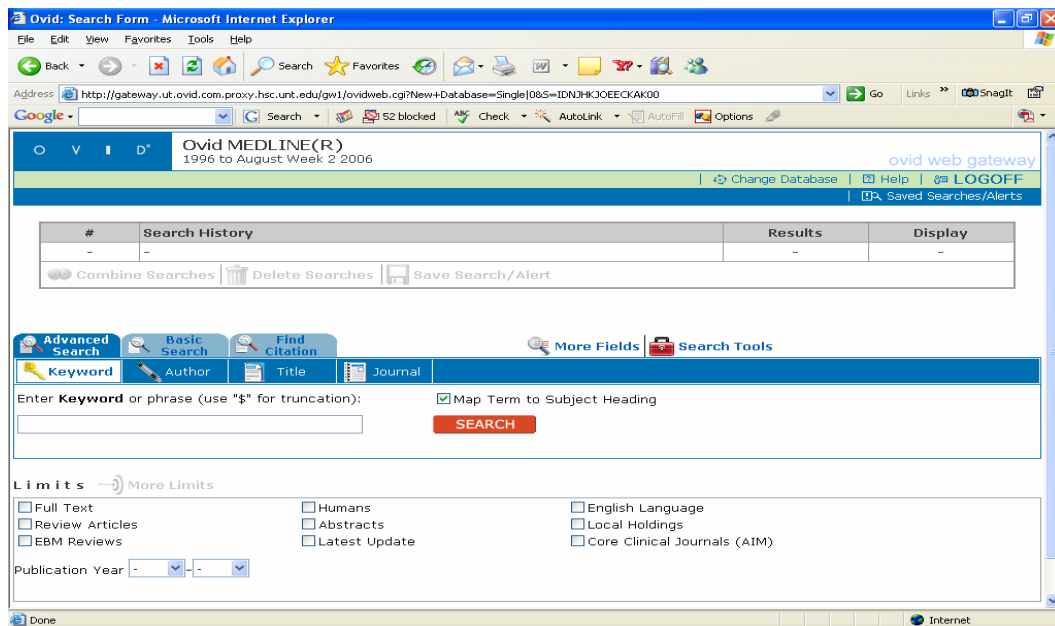
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Searching OVID Medline

From the Lewis Library home page (<http://library.hsc.unt.edu>) select **MEDLINE (Ovid)** at the left menu. Click  or enter your Ovid ID and password**.

**Ovid ID and passwords are different from the Novell login. You can save your Search Histories for future use. OVID logins may be requested from the Reference Office (817-735-2070).

Select a database from the list; the main search page appears as shown below:



Note the tabs at the top of the page for different types of searches (keyword, author, title, journal). Click in the search box, type your search term and click . Repeat for each search term.

1. **Subject Search:** by default, Ovid attempts to map your search terms to Medical Subject Headings (MeSH). At the **Mapping Display** screen, click on the appropriate MeSH subject heading. You may **Explode** or **Focus** these headings (See [Explode](#) and [Focus](#)). The next screen is the **Subheading Display**, which shows your selected MeSH heading and closely related headings. After making your subheading selections, click **Continue**.

Search Example: cancer Ovid maps to: neoplasms

For searching assistance, please contact the Lewis Library Reference Office at 817-735-2070 or <http://library.hsc.unt.edu/forms/information.cfm>.

Interactive Ovid tutorials:


<http://resourcecenter.ovid.com/gateway/tutorial.html>
<http://www.mclibrary.duke.edu/training/ovid>

Refining the Search


***Explode:** Broaden a subject by **Exploding** the selected MeSH term. This includes both the term itself and its more specific terms, which are indented underneath the MeSH term in the **Tree**. To explode a heading, check the box in the **Explode** column and then click **Continue**.

Focus: Limit a search to articles in which a subject is the main point. To focus a subject heading, check the box in the **Focus** column and then click **Continue**.

Subheadings: You can narrow a search by applying one or more subheadings, such as diagnosis, diet therapy, surgery, etc. Click the box(es) of the subheading(s) you want to apply and then click **Continue**. This search option is not recommended for beginning searchers.

***Limit:** Narrow a search in the Search History box by clicking any of the limiters listed under the search box or find additional limiters by clicking  **More Limits**

- Do use the Age Groups limiters.
- Do use the Publication Type limiters.







Combine: To combine results of existing search sets, click  **Combine Searches** and select sets to be combined. Then choose **AND** or **OR** at the top of the page and click **Continue**.


Search Results

Results Manager 			
Results	Fields	Result Format	Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Selected Results <input type="checkbox"/> All in this set (1-1) and/or Range: <input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Citation (Title, Author, Source) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Citation + Abstract <input type="radio"/> Citation + Abstract + Subject Headings <input type="radio"/> Complete Reference <input style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border: none;" type="button" value="SELECT FIELDS"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Ovid <input type="radio"/> BRS/Tagged <input type="radio"/> Reprint/Medlars <input type="radio"/> Brief (Titles) Display <input type="radio"/> Direct Export <input type="checkbox"/> Include Search History	<input style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border: none;" type="button" value="DISPLAY"/> <input style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border: none;" type="button" value="PRINT PREVIEW"/> <input style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border: none;" type="button" value="EMAIL"/> <input style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border: none;" type="button" value="SAVE"/>

Viewing Search Results: Click  **DISPLAY** next to the desired set on the Main Search page. The first 10 citations are then displayed in brief format. Click **Abstract** to see a summary of the article.

Results Manager: At the bottom of every page, Results Manager allows you to format citations to print, email, or save. Select citations by clicking the check box beside each citation. To include a copy of the search terms, click the box labeled Include Search History.

- **Display:** To see individual items you selected, click the check box(es) and click  **DISPLAY**.
- **Print:** Select citations by clicking the check box(es) and click  **PRINT PREVIEW**.
- **Email:** After selecting citations, click  **EMAIL**. On the next screen, type in your email address and then click **Send Email**. To include a copy of the search terms, be sure to click the box labeled Include Search History
- **Save:** After selecting citations, click  **SAVE** then click **Continue**. To include a copy of the search terms, be sure to click the box labeled Include Search History
- **RefWorks:** After selecting citation, click  Direct Export under **Result Format**. Then click  **SAVE** and your citations will be automatically transferred into RefWorks.

****Saved Searches:** To save your entire search, click  **Save Search/Alert**.

*Recommended by Lewis Librarians.

**Ovid Account Required