Searching the literature

**Classic Catalogue**
To search through everything that the Library owns: books, eBooks, DVDs, journals (but not individual articles), etc. It can be a quicker way to find known items (e.g. when you know the exact name of a journal or a book).

**Search +**
A "discovery tool" that allows you to search most of the Library's resources (both physical and electronic).

**Research Guides**
Where librarians provide an access point to the important resources in your area. There is a research guide for each discipline at uOttawa.

**Avoid fines!**
Renew your loan online.

**RACER**
To request books and articles that are not part of uO’s collection from other libraries. First-time users will need to start by creating a RACER account (free).

**Reserve a study room**
For group work.

**The most used databases and points of care**
In our fields (medical, nursing...).

**Select a Citation management tool**
It will be your best friend!!

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Check out the Library Research Guides to find valuable resources:

- Physiotherapy: [http://uottawa.ca.libguides.com/Physiotherapy-en?hs=a](http://uottawa.ca.libguides.com/Physiotherapy-en?hs=a)
- Systematic Reviews for Health Sciences: [http://uottawa.libguides.com/systematicreviews](http://uottawa.libguides.com/systematicreviews)

Also:

- To access the Catalogue: [https://orbis.uottawa.ca/search](https://orbis.uottawa.ca/search)
- You could also search the databases by subject (select the subject, at the right side of the page)
- To access the electronic journals: [http://sfx.scholarsportal.info/ottawafr/azlist](http://sfx.scholarsportal.info/ottawafr/azlist)
- Need help for copyright issues or for the fair use of our resources? Consult our Copyright website [http://copyright.uottawa.ca/](http://copyright.uottawa.ca/)
- Question on Open Access or how to publish your articles? Consult our website Scholarly Communications: [http://scholarlycommunication.uottawa.ca/](http://scholarlycommunication.uottawa.ca/)
- Last but not least, feel free to consult our guide How find Clinical guidelines and SR at uO.

Don’t forget:

- Open your account with RACER (UO ILL service) For registration: [http://link.library.utoronto.ca/ocul/registration_ottawa_en.cfm](http://link.library.utoronto.ca/ocul/registration_ottawa_en.cfm)
- Open your account with a bibliographic management system (your best friend!): See [http://uottawa.libguides.com/citation-management](http://uottawa.libguides.com/citation-management)
- Open accounts with the databases relevant for your research: you will save your search strategies and will set-up automatic alerts.
- Meet with your librarian when you start your research or if you have questions.

**Bonnes Recherches !!**
Planning your research!

Tips:
Take a look to our libguide page “Formulate your question”:
http://uottawa.libguides.com/c.php?g=265339&p=1770419

Use the forms available in the Nursing Libguide:
http://uottawa.libguides.com/c.php?g=265067&p=1771235

Translating your search into a database

1. Write your research question or topic of interest:

2. Break up your research question into its key concepts (You can use the Search Strategy Worksheet for steps 2 through 8):

3. Choose a Database that you want to search (Example: Medline, CINAHL, PsycINFO etc.):

4. Map your first concept to the appropriate Subject Headings:

5. Find the important Keywords for your first concept (you might call these text words or natural language):
   a. Decide which fields you would like to search in (Example Title Search?; Title & Abstract Search? Other?):
   b. Decide if you want to use any special syntax (Example, truncation, wildcard or adjacency searching):

6. Use the operator OR to combine the different terms from step 4 (Subject Headings) and step 5 (Keywords):

7. Repeat steps 4 through 6 with your second concept:

8. Use the operator AND to combine the result of step 6 for concept 1 & 2 – find the overlap (Can repeat steps 4 through 8 for additional concepts if it is relevant to your question)

9. Evaluate your results. Did you miss important subject headings or keywords? Are your results off-topic (are your keywords or subject headings too broad)?

10. If appropriate, use limits (date range, study design, etc.):

11. Export results to RefWorks or another bibliographic manager

12. If any of this is not working or if you have questions… ask a librarian for help!
Resources for Nursing @ UO


The authoritative resource for nursing and allied health professionals, students, educators, and researchers. This database provides article citations with links to full texts for 2,928 journals from the fields of nursing and allied health.


Contains articles, videos on nursing care topics, information on cultures and religions (called "cultural competency briefs"), and evidence summaries. You will also find information organized by curriculum type.


An electronic medical library which allows searching from selected major medical and drug reference text books. A search can be effected against any number or all titles simultaneously.


RxTx is Canada's authoritative source for prescribing and managing drug therapy at the point of care. It provides online access to evidence-based drug and therapeutic information. Available in French and in English. One tool for two well known Canadian resources.

Rx = The Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties (CPS), formerly known as e-CPS
Tx = The Compendium of Therapeutic Choices (CTC), formerly e-Therapeutics.
ScienceDirect


ScienceDirect provides access to more than 11 million full-text peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters from the core scientific literature; including the Elsevier Masson French Medical titles. Searching with French terms is possible.

PsycINFO®

Access UO:

Includes journal articles, books, book chapters, dissertations and government reports in psychology and related disciplines.

PsycTESTS®

Access UO:

Research database providing access to psychological tests, measures, scales, and other assessments as well as descriptive and administrative information.

MEDLINE®


Ovid MEDLINE® covers the international literature on biomedicine, including the allied health fields and the biological and physical sciences, humanities, and information science as they relate to medicine and health care. Information is indexed from approximately 3,900 journals published world-wide.

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CAB HEALTH brings together the resources of the Public Health and Tropical Medicine (PHTM) database and the human health and diseases information extracted from CAB ABSTRACTS since 1973. It contains foreign language journals, books, research reports, patents and standards, dissertations, conference proceedings, annual reports, public health, developing country information, and other difficult to obtain material.
The Allied and Complementary Medicine Database (AMED) is a unique bibliographic database produced by the Health Care Information Service of the British Library. It covers a selection of journals in complementary medicine, palliative care, and several professions allied to medicine.

International coverage. Indexes periodicals, books, book chapters, conference proceedings, dissertations and theses, and audiovisual material. Includes the North American dissertations and theses collection of the International Institute for Sport and Human Performance, University of Oregon, from 1949 to the present.

The Joanna Briggs Institute EBP Database allows you to search simultaneously, a wide range of summarized and appraised health care evidence, including 3,000 records across seven publication types: Evidence Based Recommended Practices, Evidence Summaries, Best Practice Information Sheets, Systematic Reviews, Consumer Information Sheets, Systematic Review Protocols, and Technical Reports.

**Critical Appraisal**

Critical Appraisal Skills Programme (CASP) website: [http://www.casp-uk.net/](http://www.casp-uk.net/)

The Critical Appraisal Skills Programme (CASP) is part of Better Value Healthcare, a training organisation led by Professor Sir Muir Gray, and based in Oxford. The programme has developed workshops and tools for critical appraisal covering a wide range of research. It has also developed finding the evidence workshops, interactive and e-learning resources.
Other excellent resources for Rehab @ UO

PubMed interface offers a variety of tools to help you to find the right information. Here some for literature searches:

**NOTE:** Access PubMed from UO website (i.e., from library’s webpage) to access to the full text of the article.

- **MeSH** = Medical Subject Heading
  - Find the MeSH terms to create precise literature searches

- **Clinical Queries** is an efficient way to find clinical studies and systematic reviews.

- **To build your search in an efficient way!**
  - Use this tool to find a known article

- **In a rush?** Clinical Queries is an efficient way to find clinical studies and systematic reviews.
Searching PubMed with Clinical Queries

Allows you to create a specialized search based on clinical study category, systematic reviews or for medical genetics (for comprehensive searches use PubMed).

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**PubMed Clinical Queries**

Results of searches on this page are limited to specific clinical research areas. For comprehensive searches, use PubMed directly.

- **Stroke Rehabilitation video games**

**Clinical Study Categories**

- **Category:** Therapy
- **Scope:** Broad

**Systematic Reviews**

**Medical Genetics**

- **Topic:** A1

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Don’t forget to explore the MeSh terms provided for a good article. You could find inspiration and run new searches with them.

PubMed suggest « related » articles, based on the abstract of the current article. You could discover new articles.

This article has been cited by more recent articles or SR, published in PubMed. Worth looking at!

Access to full Text via UO Get it!

These search tools are adjustable. Take time to Explore them.

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Try some good terms and start with simple search
Trip is a clinical search engine designed to allow users to quickly and easily find and use high-quality research evidence to support their practice and/or care. Trip has been online since 1997 and in that time has developed into the internet’s premier source of evidence-based content. Our motto is ‘Find evidence fast’ and this is something we aim to deliver for every single search.