Tutorial

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MEDLINE Complete is a full-text database providing health professionals and researchers access to top-tier biomedical and health journals. In this tutorial, you will learn how to conduct searches on MEDLINE Complete as well as how to use the features of the result list. Please note, while MEDLINE Complete is used in this demonstration, much of this tutorial also applies to EBSCO’s other MEDLINE products.
We’ll begin by conducting a keyword search from the Basic Search screen with the available **Search Options** set to open. Enter **asthma** in the **Search** box. You can apply additional limiters to your search such as **Full Text** and **Human**.
Boolean/Phrase is the default Search mode and searches your terms as they are entered. The Find all my search terms search mode automatically places an **AND** between your search terms. Find any of my search terms places an **OR** between search terms. Place a check in the box for Apply related words to further expand your results by also searching synonyms of the terms. Click the Search button.
On the result list, use the date slider feature to limit your results by publication date. Drag the ends of the slider to your desired date range and the result list is refreshed.
Note that you can access all of the available limiters and expanders by clicking the **Show More** link under **Limit To** and then making your selections.

You can further narrow your results by using the facets in the left-hand column such as **Source Type** and **Subject: Major Heading**.
Click on the folder icon to collect results in the temporary session folder. To save results beyond the current session, click Sign In to create a free My EBSCOhost folder account, or sign in to an existing account.
Your MEDLINE database may also include a Guided-Style Advanced Search screen. Guided-Style search boxes help create a more targeted search by allowing you to simultaneously search for articles using different terms in varying article citation fields, such as All Text, Author, and Major Subject Heading. To learn more, see the “EBSCOhost Advanced Search” tutorial on the EBSCO Support Site.
Searching for subject terms can also be useful. The National Library of Medicine has assigned subject terms based on article content. Use of subject terms or headings, allows for more highly-relevant results. Click the **Suggest Subject Terms** box above the **Search** box prior to conducting a search.
You can also click on the MeSH link along the top toolbar to browse for appropriate subject terms. For more information on using MeSH headings, see the “Using CINAHL and MeSH Headings” tutorial on the EBSCO Support Site.
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