Searching MEDLINE for Evidence-Based Medicine Articles

Must access via the Columbus State Library website:
library.cscc.edu > Find Books & More > Databases > MEDLINE

The Search Process

☑️ Step 1
MEDLINE starts on a basic search screen.

To apply search options or limiters, click **Advanced Search**. Once on the **Advanced Search** screen, scroll down to **Limit your results**.

☑️ Step 2
To limit the results to **Evidence-Based Medicine** articles, under **Publication Type**, select (use Ctrl or Cmd to select multiple publication types at once):

- Clinical Study
- Clinical Trial
- Comparative Study
- Controlled Clinical Trial
- Evaluation Study
- Meta-Analysis
- Multicenter Study
- Pragmatic Clinical Trial
- Randomized Controlled Trial
- Systematic Review
- Twin Study
- Validation Study

☑️ Step 3
To limit **Publication Date**, put the preferred date range under **Published Date**.

☑️ Step 4
Under **Journal & Citation Subset**, select **Nursing** to limit results to **Nursing Journals**.

☑️ Step 5
Once you’ve selected your chosen limiters, click **Search**

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Step 6
Click on the title of an article to view the Detailed Record including: author information, abstract, publication type, and specific journal information.

All information required for the citation can be found in the Detailed Record.

Step 7
Check the Country of Publication under Journal Info in the detailed record to verify the country of publication.

MEDLINE catalogs articles and journals from across the globe.

Step 8
If you need to edit your search limiters, click on Show More, under Refine Results on the left side of the results page, to open a Search Options box.

This allows you to narrow or expand your current search without having to start over.

Note
MEDLINE considers over 90% of their journals to be peer reviewed, so no limiter is provided.

You will need to confirm if an article is Peer Reviewed by checking the individual journal’s editorial process. The peer review criteria and reviewer or referee qualifications vary depending on the journal.

DO NOT check EBM Reviews. This only searches six specific qualifiers, not the entire database, limiting the results too much.

If you find an article that does not have full text availability, contact a Reference Librarian.