Nurse Anesthesia: Searching Tips

Remote Access
- You can access any of our resources from off-campus using our proxy server.
- To login with your main campus credentials, simply click “Login with Network Username and Password.” Use your main campus login, the same one you use for Blackboard.
- To use your SOM credentials, click “School of Medicine Columbia Users.” This will reveal a 2nd box in which you can enter your SOM network credentials, the same ones you use to check your “@uscmed.sc.edu” email account.

Designing a Search Strategy
- Include a wide range of keywords/synonyms for each of the concepts selected.
- Variant spellings: tumour OR tumor
- Boolean operators (AND, OR and NOT)
- Truncation: random* (for random or randomised or randomized or randomly, etc.)
- Search more than one database

E-Journals
- Select the E-Journals tab in the search box on the Library’s home page to search for e-journal titles.
- If a database does not provide a link to a full text article you are interested in, search the E-Journals database to see if we have access to the journal.

PubMed
- Enter Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) in uppercase characters to combine or exclude search terms.
- Use filters on left to narrow your search results. Filters will remain activated until you deselect them.
- Check out the search details area on the lower right side of the screen. Did PubMed map your terms to MeSH headings?
- When you find an article you are interested in, use the *Similar articles* link (below the citation/abstract) to find similar articles.
- Organize and email your citations by using the *Clipboard*.

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**PubMed**

PubMed comprises more than 22 million citations for biomedical literature, including MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books. Citations may include full-text content from PubMed Central and publisher web sites.

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**PubMed Tools**

- PubMed Mobile
- Single Citation Matcher
- Batch Citation Matcher
- Clinical Queries
- Topic-Specific Queries

**More Resources**

- MeSH Database
- Journals in NCBI Databases
- Clinical Trials

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**CINAHL Complete**

- Available on Databases page
- Use to identify nursing and allied health articles not available in PubMed.
- Use to find the *times cited* for an article.

**Other Resources**

- Micromedex (available on Databases page)