OT Search

ACCESSING THE DATABASE

1. Go to the Laupus Library homepage at http://www.ecu.edu/laupuslibrary/.
2. Click on the link that says “View all ECU Libraries resources”. Next click on the letter “O”. Then Click on “OT Search.”

NOTE: If you are off-campus, you will need to enter your pirate id (your ECU email username) and password (same as your email password) before you can access OT Search.

SEARCHING WITH KEYWORDS

1. Click the link at the top of the page that says “OT Search.”
2. Break your search down into concepts.
3. Now, pick out the most important concepts and enter them into the search box using the appropriate connectors. For example, if you are doing a search on the use of hand splints for people suffering from carpal tunnel syndrome, you would enter “hand splints and carpal tunnel” (without the “”).
4. You should be taken to a page with a list or results. Books as well as articles will be displayed. If you are only interested in articles, skip down to the Limiting to Journal Articles section of this handout.

SEARCHING WITH SUBJECT HEADINGS

1. Complete steps 1 and 2 from the “Searching with Keywords” section above.
2. Pick an entry that looks most appropriate for your search needs and click on the title
3. Now, click on the link for Catalog record.
4. Near the bottom of the page you will see a list of subject terms.
   a. If you are only using one term
      i. Just click on it.
   b. If you are using two or more of the subject term
      i. Write down the terms you want to use. For example,
         Subject terms: ARM SPLINTS
         Subject term: CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME
         Subject term: EXERCISE THERAPY
         Subject term: HAND SPLINTS
         Subject term: HAND FUNCTIONS AND SKILLS EVALUATION
         Subject term: PIPETACARPSOPHALANDEAL JUNCT
         Subject term: OUTCOME ASSESSMENT (HEALTH CARE)
         Subject term: OUTCOME STUDY
         Subject term: RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIALS
         Subject term: Wrist
      ii. Click on “New Search” near the top left of the screen.
      iii. Then, click on Power Search, below the search box.
      iv. Change the drop box to “Subject” and type one term into the search box.
      v. Then, change another drop box to “Subject” and type in your next term. Repeat as necessary.
      vi. Finally, click the search button at the bottom of the screen.

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