MEDLINE via Ovid

ACCESSING THE DATABASE

1. Go to the Laupus Library homepage at http://www.ecu.edu/laupuslibrary/
2. Under Electronic Resources click on the link for “Ovid Medline”
   NOTE: If you are off-campus, you will need to enter your PIRATE ID and password

SUBJECT SEARCHING

1. Break your search into concepts. For instance, a search on the effects of aspirin on hypertension has two concepts. “Aspirin” is one and “hypertension” is the other.
2. Enter one concept in to the search box at a time.
3. You will be taken to a screen with different subject headings to choose. Select the one that best meets your needs. If you are unsure that a term is the one you are looking for, use the scope note located to the right of the term.
   
4. Check the box to the left of your desired term. You can also choose to:
   a. Explode: If available, place a check in the box to Explode the term to make your search more comprehensive.
   b. Focus: Place a check in this box only if you have already run your search and come up with too many results.
5. Click the Continue button
6. Chose subheadings if you like. These will help narrow your search.
7. Repeat with steps 2-6 for your second, third …etc. concepts if applicable

8. Combine concepts by clicking the boxes to the left of your search set and then clicking on the “and” or “or” buttons at the bottom of the search history box.
REFINING YOUR SEARCH

1. If you need to find information on a certain age group, from a certain time period (e.g. the last ten years) or of a certain publication type (such as peer reviewed), you will want to limit your results. To do this, you can use the light blue box or click Additional Limits.

   ![Limits](image)

   a. If using the limits in the light blue box, make your selections then click Search.
   
b. If using the Additional Limits button, make your selections then click Limit A Search.

FINDING FULL TEXT

1. Click the “Display” link in the search history box to view search results or scroll to the bottom of the page.
2. Click the “Complete Reference” link to the right of the citation to learn more about an article.
3. If links are not available for Full Text, use the FindIt! Button.