

CINAHL

Top tips to make your search of CINAHL more efficient.

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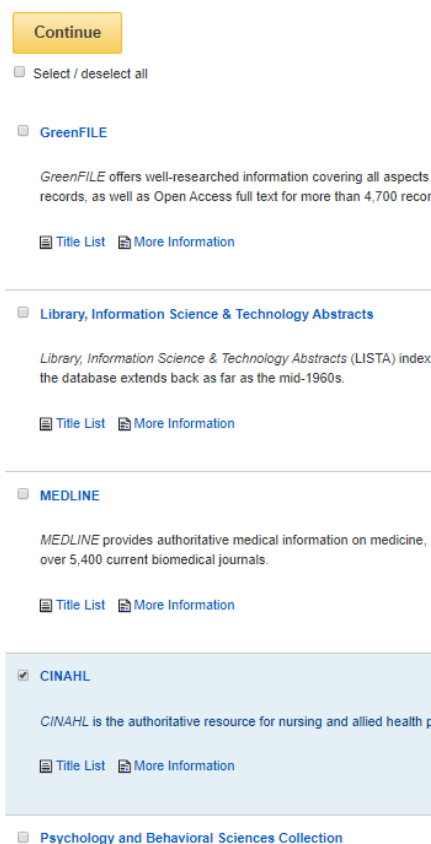
1 How to access the database

The best way to access all databases is to go via the Medical Library website:

<https://library.medschl.cam.ac.uk/research-support/databases/>

Please note that you will need an 'OpenAthens' login to access CINAHL.

Once you have logged in select CINAHL and click 'Continue'.










The screenshot shows a web interface for selecting databases. At the top is a yellow 'Continue' button. Below it is a list of databases with checkboxes. The 'CINAHL' option is selected and highlighted in a light blue box. Each database entry includes a brief description and links for 'Title List' and 'More Information'.

- Select / deselect all
- GreenFILE
 - GreenFILE offers well-researched information covering all aspects records, as well as Open Access full text for more than 4,700 recor
 - [Title List](#) [More Information](#)
- Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts
 - Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts (LISTA) index the database extends back as far as the mid-1960s.
 - [Title List](#) [More Information](#)
- MEDLINE
 - MEDLINE provides authoritative medical information on medicine, over 5,400 current biomedical journals.
 - [Title List](#) [More Information](#)
- CINAHL
 - CINAHL is the authoritative resource for nursing and allied health p
 - [Title List](#) [More Information](#)
- Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection

2 Advanced search – building your search strategy

You will now be able to build your search by entering your terms in the search boxes. Combine your search terms with AND, OR and NOT for the most efficient and comprehensive search.

| <input type="checkbox"/> Select / deselect all | Search with AND | Search with OR |
|--|---|----------------|
| Search ID# | Search Terms | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S7 |  S3 AND S6 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S6 |  S4 OR S5 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S5 |  diabetic | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S4 |  diabetes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S3 |  S1 OR S2 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S2 |  "patient education" | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S1 |  "patient information" | |

3 Filters – how to narrow down your search

Too many search results? Use the 'Refine Results' options (to the left of the search results) to filter a search. Click on the filter you want to use to see the full list of options.

4 Accessing full text

Generally the most effective way to access full text is to click on the title of the article you wish to read, and scroll down until you see the URL or Digital Object Identifier (DOI).

DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2019.305328>


5 Saving your search history

Save your search history by using the 'Save Searches / Alerts' link above the search results. This will prompt you to log in to your EBSCO account, or create an account. Saved searches can be found by clicking on the 'Retrieve Searches' link.


Search History/Alerts

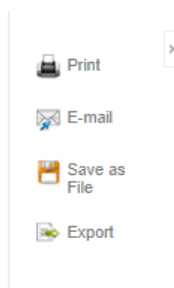
[Print Search History](#) [Retrieve Searches](#) [Retrieve Alerts](#) [Save Searches / Alerts](#)

Select / deselect all

| Search ID# | Search Terms |
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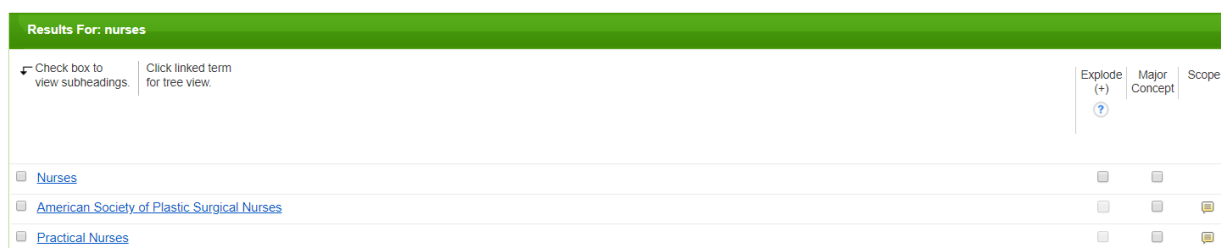
6 Saving your search results

Select the articles you want to save by clicking on . Once you have selected the results you want, open the folder (at the top of the screen). Here you have the option to email results to yourself, or save them in multiple file types.



7 Extra features

To find CINAHL subject headings tick the 'Suggest Subject Terms' option above the search box. A list of subject headings that match your search term will appear, tick the terms you want to add to your search and click 'Search Database'.



8 More help and support

There are [tutorial videos available on the EBSCO website](#) (this video demonstrates Global Health another database which uses the EBSCO interface).

EBSCO's [user guide](#) may also be helpful.

Or contact the Medical Library training team.

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