

# Ovid – your access to Medline, Embase, and more

Top tips to make your search of Ovid databases more efficient.

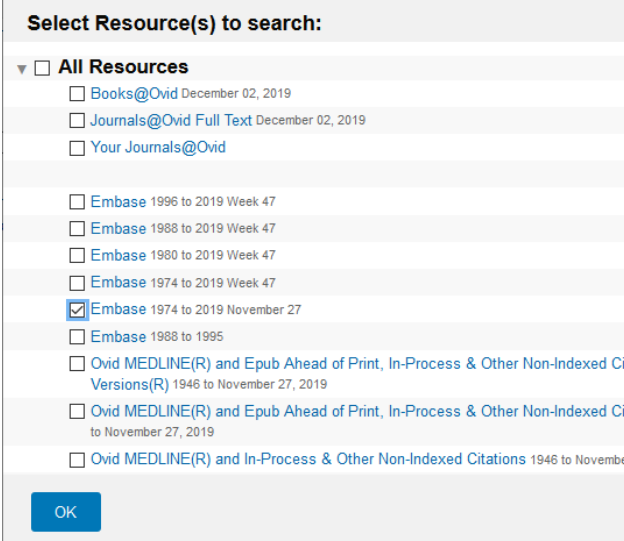
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# 1 How to access the database

The best way to access all databases is to go via the Medical Library website:  
<https://library.medschl.cam.ac.uk/research-support/databases/> and then select what you want – either Medline or Embase.

Ensure you have selected the Athens option if you are an NHS staff member, and the Raven option if you are a student or staff member of the University of Cambridge. Athens users – please select ‘OpenAthens Login’ once you’ve clicked the link.



Select Resource(s) to search:

- All Resources
  - Books@Ovid December 02, 2019
  - Journals@Ovid Full Text December 02, 2019
  - Your Journals@Ovid
  - Embase 1996 to 2019 Week 47
  - Embase 1988 to 2019 Week 47
  - Embase 1980 to 2019 Week 47
  - Embase 1974 to 2019 Week 47
  - Embase 1974 to 2019 November 27
  - Embase 1988 to 1995
  - Ovid MEDLINE(R) and Epub Ahead of Print, In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations (R) 1946 to November 27, 2019
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  - Ovid MEDLINE(R) and In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations 1946 to November 27, 2019

OK

You will be taken to a screen asking you to select your choice of database. Pick just one.

## 2 Advanced search – building your search strategy

Select the advanced search option. You will then be able to build your search. Combine your search terms with AND, OR, and NOT for the most efficient and comprehensive search.

[Basic Search](#) | [Find Citation](#) | [Search Tools](#) | [Search Fields](#) | **[Advanced Search](#)** | [Multi-Field Search](#)

1 Resource selected | [Hide](#) | [Change](#)

Embase 1974 to 2019 November 27

Enter keyword or phrase  
(\* or \$ for truncation)

Keyword  Author  Title  Journal

"patient information"

Search

► Limits (expand)

Include Multimedia

Map Term to Subject

Hint: Your search will be more accurate if you add individual search terms to history first, and combine them at the end. You can use the search history (above the search box) to combine different search terms.

▼ Search History (7)

<input type="checkbox"/>	# ▲	Searches
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	"patient information".mp. [mp=title, abstract, l
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	"patient education".mp. [mp=title, abstract, ht
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	1 or 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	diabetes.mp. [mp=title, abstract, heading wo
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	diabetic.mp. [mp=title, abstract, heading wor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	4 or 5
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	3 and 6

Save Remove Combine with: AND OR

## 3 Filters – how to narrow down your search

Too many search results? Use the Limits option (under the search box) to filter a search. If you don't see the filters you want you can click the Additional Limits option for more extensive filters.

## 4 Accessing full text

Generally your 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).

ISSN: 2046-4053 (electronic)  
Electronic ISSN: 2046-4053  
DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/s13643...>

## 5 Saving your search history

Save your search history by selecting the line(s) you wish to save, and then clicking 'Save'. This will prompt you to log in to Ovid, or create an account. Saved searches can be found in the My Workspace area when you're logged in to Ovid.

▼ Search History (7)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	# ▲	Searches
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	"patient information".mp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	"patient education".mp. [
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	1 or 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	diabetes.mp. [mp=title, ε
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5	diabetic.mp. [mp=title, al
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	4 or 5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7	3 and 6

Save Remove Combine with:

## 6 Saving your search results

You have the option to email results to yourself, or save them in multiple file types. Simply click the Export or Email options above the list of search results. RIS is compatible with all reference management software.



### Export Citation(s)

Selected: 1-3  
Total: 3

Format:  
RIS

Fields:  
Citation, Abstract

Include:  
 Link to External Resolver  
 URL  
 Search History

Cancel Export

## 7 Extra features

Have you done a search in Medline, and want to replicate it in Embase (or vice versa)? Simply click on the option above the search box to change databases, and Ovid will allow you to repeat your search in another database.

1 Resource selected | Hide | Change

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Enter keyword or phrase  Keyword  Author ( )  
 (\* or \$ for truncation)

► Limits (expand)

# 8 More help and support

There are [tutorial videos available on the Ovid website](#).

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

Or contact the Medical Library training team.

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