




Searching MEDLINE using EBSCO Host

- 1 - Logon to the Library website: www.worcester.edu/library
- 2 - Choose the link at the top of the home page for articles & databases



- 3 - Click on the link for EBSCOhost web 
- 4 - Scroll down the alphabetical list of databases and check the box for *MEDLINE*. Scroll up or down and click the gray "Continue" button.
- 5 - Click on the MeSH button on the green toolbar to search using controlled vocabulary. MeSH terminology provides a consistent way to retrieve information that may use different terminology for the same concepts.



Database: MEDLINE

- 6 - In the MeSH database, for example, search for AIDS. Click on the "scope" link to display the expanded "subject tree" placing AIDS in context under broad categories such as *virus* and *sexually transmitted diseases*. You are also informed that the MeSH term, which will be used for searching, is:
Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome.

7 - To narrow the search to a more specific topic, check a Subheading - say, *Drug Therapy (DT)* - select a Boolean operator (AND) to *add* it to your search string. Click the gray Search button so you can now search a more specific subject area.

The screenshot shows the MEDLINE search interface. At the top, the database is identified as MEDLINE. A search box contains the string `((MH "Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome/DT"))`, with a circled '3' next to it. To the right are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. Below the search box is the MeSH browser. The 'Browse for:' field contains 'aids'. The 'Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome' heading is selected, with a circled '2' next to it. The 'Tree Views' section lists various subheadings, with 'Drug Therapy' circled and labeled with a '1'. The 'On Search:' and 'Qualify Subheadings:' sections are also visible.

8 - Note that MEDLINE is basically a *citation only* database; there is very little full text available. Occasionally you will find a journal that EBSCO has contracted with the publisher to make available full text.

20.	Infection with multidrug resistant, dual-tropic HIV-1 and rapid progression to AIDS: a case report. (eng; includes abstract) By Markowitz M, Lancet, 2005 Mar 19; Vol. 365 (9464), pp. 1031-8; PMID: 15781098
	Linked Full Text
21.	Generic antiretroviral efficacy in AIDS-associated Kaposi's sarcoma in sub-Saharan Africa. (eng; includes abstract) By Mosam A, AIDS, 2005 Mar 4; Vol. 19 (4), pp. 441-3; PMID: 15750399
22.	Impact of HIV type 1 genetic subtype on the outcome of antiretroviral therapy. (eng; includes abstract) By Atlas A, AIDS Res Hum Retroviruses, 2005 Mar; Vol. 21 (3), pp. 221-7; PMID: 15795528
23.	Clinical trial simulation: a tool for understanding study failures and preventing them. (eng; includes abstract) By Girard P, Basic Clin Pharmacol Toxicol, 2005 Mar; Vol. 96 (3), pp. 228-34; PMID: 15733219

9 - If you need assistance, note that in each stage of constructing your query the link for *search tips* is prominently displayed on screen.

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