

Health and Wellness Resource Center Search Tips

This fully integrated electronic database offers you instant access to authoritative health information, including full-text medical encyclopedias, health and medical journals, thousands of pamphlets, streaming videos, and health articles from more than 3,000 general interest publications covering health care, diet, and fitness topics. Whether you're a student, patient or medical professional: the *Health & Wellness Resource Center* is comprehensive and easy to navigate - and helps anyone seeking health information breathe a sigh of relief!

HOW TO USE HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESOURCE CENTER

Use your library's Internet browser to go to the *Health and Wellness Resource Center* URL. At the home page, you may access any of these search options:

- **The Search Box**
- **Advanced Search**
- **Diseases and Conditions**
- **Find a Drug**
- **Search Directory**
- **Topics in the News**
- **Health Highlights**

THE SEARCH BOX

Enter a word or words in the blank box and then select one of the following options: Keyword, Subject or Entire Document.

SEARCHING BY KEYWORD, SUBJECT, OR ENTIRE DOCUMENT

To broaden or narrow your search in one step, three types of searches are available from the **Search Box**. Click on the corresponding radio button of your choice.

- **KEYWORD SEARCH** – Searches the key fields (title, citation, introductory text) of the documents in the database for your search term. Yields relevant results.
- **SUBJECT SEARCH** – Good search to use for common topics. Yields highly relevant results.
- **ENTIRE DOCUMENT SEARCH** – Best only to use this search when you are looking for an unusual phrase, new terminology or a particular line of text.

You may further narrow your results by limiting to **Full Text articles**, **Consumer Health** information, **Refereed publications**, or Spanish Language (**en espanol**) content.

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ADVANCED SEARCH

Use **Advanced Search** for:

- Finding a specific article, when you already know the title, publication name or author
- Combining your terms with Boolean operators and index fields

Enter your term(s) in a blank box, and select an index field from the drop down list. Boolean operators, **and**, **or** and **not** let you connect up to three terms or you may limit your search even further by selecting one or more of the search limiters provided.

ADVANCED SEARCH

Enter search term(s) and select index type.

Indicate choice of Boolean operators (**AND**, **OR**, **NOT**)

Limit the current search (optional)

- Full text articles
- Refereed publications
- Consumer health
- en espanol

Date of Publication

Note: Entering a date or range of dates will limit your search to periodicals only.

DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

Browse for information about medical conditions contained in the *Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine*.

The most frequently searched conditions will appear in the box and clicking on the **More>>** link will take you to the entire contents of the encyclopedia. If your library subscribes to the *Alternative Health Module*, you will also have access to the *Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine* from the button below the database banner.

FIND A DRUG

Search for information about over the counter, generic, and brand name drugs, as well as drugs that treat specific symptoms. If your library subscribes to the *Alternative Health Module* you will also be able to search for information on herbal remedies.

SEARCH DIRECTORY

Search for contact information for health care facilities, people, products, and offices. You can search the directory for a keyword and further narrow your query by entering in geographic details such as the city, state or province.

TOPICS IN THE NEWS

This search option allows you to access content from our partner site, *Healthology*. Here you will find recent health related headlines, clicking on a headline takes you to the full text of the article. **Topics in the News** is updated every 8 hours.

HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS

Features a single health topic, click the topic title to view the full content from *Healthology* which may include a video webcast. Clicking on the **Read Transcript** link displays the text of the

webcast, the **Related Programs** link lets you look for additional *Healthology* content on similar topics.

VIEWING YOUR RESULTS

Once you execute a successful search, you will view a results list. Scan the list of titles to locate one to fit your research needs. To use your results list click on the hyperlinked text to read the document. You may also view **Books & Fact Sheets, Magazines & Journals, Drugs, Pamphlets, Video, and News** by clicking on the tabs at the top of the search results list. Tabs with no results are "grayed out" and will not work.

From this screen and on subsequent screens, the different Search Option buttons from the home page are displayed across the gray horizontal bar at the top of the screen for quick and easy access. This format allows you to change your search method without having to return to the home page to browse or search medical and health encyclopedias, dictionaries and directories; to access government and major medical Web sites, or to access the *Disease Profiler* add on module - if your library subscribes to it.

All documents are displayed in the same basic format. Documents can be **printed, e-mailed, downloaded** or bookmarked using the **InfoMark®** icon at the top of the screen. You can narrow or refine your search from the results list. The left-side bar contains subject terms, "see also" references and subdivisions. Please note: You must be viewing the Magazine & Journals tab to use subdivisions.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Search Tips, Help, a Guided Tour and a **List of Sources** button are identified by icons and as plain text on the toolbar at the bottom of the screen. **Revise Search, Search History, Related Searches** and **Return to Results** buttons are available (variously, throughout your search) in the left side bar. If you require further assistance with *Health & Wellness Resource Center*, please contact your librarian.