



## Search Tips

Always start your search at the Health Sciences Library homepage! <http://hslib.jabsom.hawaii.edu/>

Name of Feature	Feature	Example	Description
Author search	From 2002 search for full name; first author; otherwise search by lastname initials	braun kl kathryn l braun braun kl [author]	last name plus initials (no punctuation) 2002—full name 2002 first author
Combining terms - Boolean operators	AND;NOT;OR	(heat OR humidity) AND multiple sclerosis	capitalize the: AND, NOT, OR
Title words	word [ti] word [title]	diabetes [ti] and hawaii [ti]	Searching by words in the title of the article
Truncation	Wildcard *	hawaii*	Finds terms beginning with stem use with caution; MeSH mapping aborted
PubMed Holdings Icons (Abstract Display)	Link to full-text or inter-library loan request form	<a href="#">find it</a>	Will link to full-text if available or to an interlibrary loan request form
Journal title search	journal name [jour]	molecular biology of the cell [jour]	search by using the full journal name
Journal title search	MEDLINE abbreviation	mol biol cell	search by using the MEDLINE journal title abbreviation
PMID (PubMed ID)	PMID number	16046651	Retrieves citation using PMID (unique number assigned by PubMed)
PMCID (PubMed Central ID)	PMCID number	PMC3125412	Article freely available in PubMed Central Depository sometimes subject to embargo periods
Medical Subject heading (MeSH)	[mh] [MeSH]	Remission,spontaneous [mh]	Searches the MeSH term
Main point of article	[majr] [major]	substance abuse [majr]	Retrieves articles having the topic as the main point of the article. Use with MeSH
Possessive's		crohn disease	Does not require the possessive form. Don't include the "s".
Filters	Can limit search by gender, age group, language, etc.	See left column & select whichever limit you want.	Allows you to focus your search.
Subject Category Filter	aids, bioethics, cancer, cam, history, nursing, dietary supplements or tox [sb]	asthma AND cam [sb]	To choose a subject filter, click on "More" and choose subject. OR combine the subset name followed by [sb]
Core clinical journals	Specialized Journal Category filter	To choose this filter; click on Journal Category filter OR type: asthma AND jsubsetaim [text]	To limit articles to core clinical titles subset of about 120 English language titles

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