

Walden Library Video Transcript

Title: How to Search MEDLINE

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Visual: MEDLINE advanced search page

Narration: The MEDLINE database is going to be the best option to search for health and medical literature. Select the link for the database and log into the library if you haven't already. You will be directed to an advanced search screen in MEDLINE after logging in.

Visual: Advanced search boxes

Narration: You want to examine and separate the major concepts of your research question and place them into individual boxes. For example if you need research articles on childhood obesity in the last 5 years enter obesity in the first search box and child in the second search box.

Visual: Limit your results menu on advanced search page

Narration: To apply limits to the search results scroll down the screen to the section labeled Limit your results. Select the option in the right column for Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals. Just below this option you will see the date limit. In the first year box enter the furthest year you need for example if you need the last 5 it would be 2007. Finally, if you just need a few good articles select the box on the left to limit to full text. Then click the green Search button near the top to run your search.

Visual: List of search results

Narration: You will be directed to the results page. On that results page you will see a list of articles related to your topic. You can select the PDF full text link below the citation to access the full text article.

Visual: Article full record view

Narration: Selecting the title of the article will load the full record for it in the database. On the record view you can see the MeSH terms (subjects) and the full abstract. Also of interest are the tools in the right margin, especially the Cite tool which will offer the APA format and the permalink that allows you to track back to the article in the database.