

Basic Searching using EBSCOhost Databases

EBSCOhost allows you to search health databases such as *CINAHL*, *Medline* and *AMED*, depending on your area of study. Please refer to the guide *Accessing databases using Athens* to help you decide which one to choose.

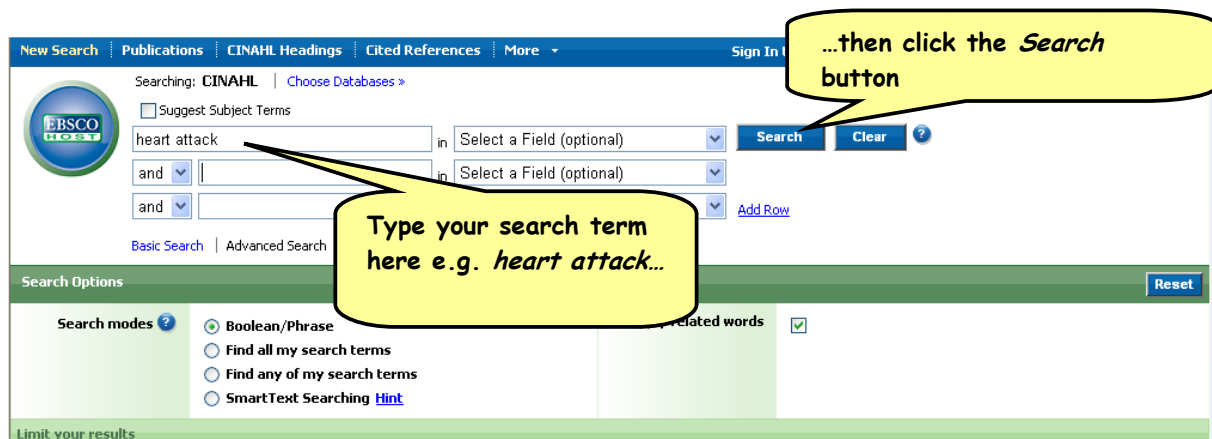
Please note: only search ONE DATABASE AT A TIME; search terms are not the same between different databases and you may miss results or end up with 0 results if you try and search them all at once!

Once you have logged onto the *MyAthens* page scroll down the alphabetical list of all the resources available to MDX students. Click on the title *EBSCOhost databases* and then choose EBSCO health databases.

You should now be on a page entitled *Choose databases*. Select the appropriate database to begin your search by clicking on the title.

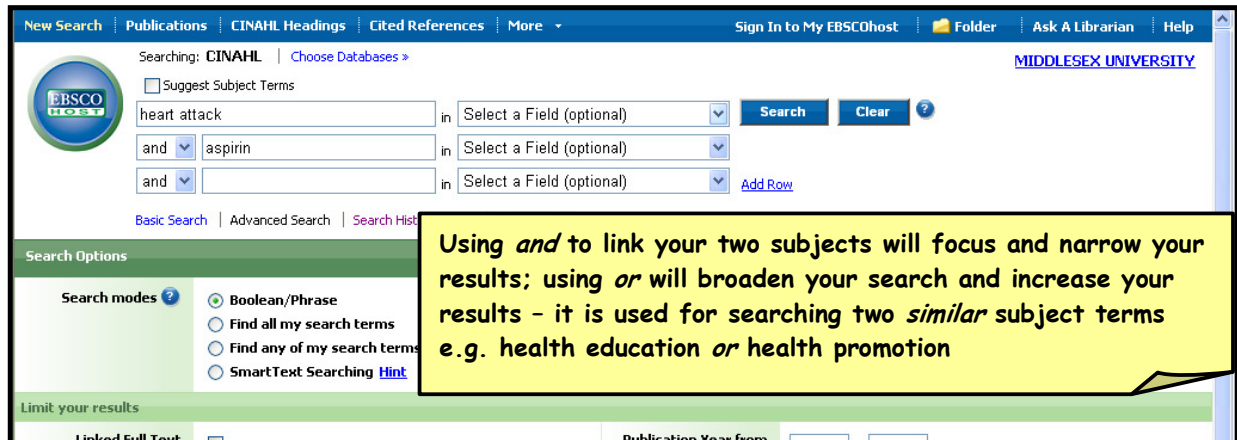
<input type="checkbox"/> AMED (Alternative Medicine) <i>AMED</i> provides an alternative medicine database for physicians, therapists, medical researchers and clinicians looking to learn more about alternative treatments. <i>AMED</i> contains basic bibliographic records for relevant articles from over 500 journals, with the scope of coverage being mainly European. <i>AMED</i> is produced by the Health Care Information Service of the British Library. More Information	<p>*Nursing students will find CINAHL, Medline and AMED useful.</p> <p>*Complementary Health students will find both Medline and AMED useful.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> British Nursing Index <i>British Nursing Index</i> is a nursing and midwifery database, covering over 200 UK journals and other English-language titles. Produced by a partnership of UK libraries serving nurses, it is the most current nursing database for UK journals, and has featured concise original abstracts for every reference included since January 2004. More Information	
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Source Complete <i>Business Source Complete</i> is the world's definitive scholarly content. As part of the comprehensive coverage offered by journals back as far as 1896 are included. In addition to the Title List More Information	
<input type="checkbox"/> CINAHL <i>CINAHL</i> is the authoritative resource for nursing and allied health professionals, students, educators and researchers. This database provides indexing for 2,928 journals from the fields of nursing and allied health. The database contains more than 1,000,000 records dating back to 1981.	

You will now see the following search page. Type in your search term(s) and click the *Search* button:



The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost search page. At the top, there are navigation tabs: "New Search", "Publications", "CINAHL Headings", "Cited References", and "More". A "Sign In" link is visible on the right. The main search area has a search bar with "heart attack" entered. Below the search bar are dropdown menus for "Select a Field (optional)". To the right of the search bar are "Search" and "Clear" buttons. A yellow callout bubble points to the search input field with the text "Type your search term here e.g. heart attack...". Another yellow callout bubble points to the "Search" button with the text "...then click the Search button". Below the search bar, there are "Search Options" including "Search modes" (Boolean/Phrase, Find all my search terms, Find any of my search terms, SmartText Searching) and a "Reset" button.

Doing a single subject search will probably give you thousands of results. If this is the case you will need to really define or focus your topic or question further e.g. instead of a general search on 'heart attack' how about whether aspirin can reduce the risk of heart attack i.e. 'heart attack and aspirin'.



The screenshot shows the EBSCO search interface. The search terms are 'heart attack' and 'aspirin' connected by 'and'. A yellow callout box on the right side of the search box contains the following text: "Using *and* to link your two subjects will focus and narrow your results; using *or* will broaden your search and increase your results - it is used for searching two *similar* subject terms e.g. health education *or* health promotion". Below the search box, there are options for 'Search modes' including 'Boolean/Phrase', 'Find all my search terms', 'Find any of my search terms', and 'SmartText Searching'. There is also a 'Limit your results' section with options for 'Linked Full Text' and 'Publication Year from'.

Your results will be listed immediately below your search box. If your number of results is still quite large (e.g. 150+) you can apply a limit such as publication year. Click on the *Search Options* link to the right of the screen:



The screenshot shows the search results page for 'heart attack and aspirin'. The results are sorted by date and show two articles. A yellow callout box on the right side of the results list contains the following text: "Click on *Search Options* to limit your results by publication year etc.". The 'Search Options' link is visible at the bottom right of the results list.

Limits you may find useful include *Publication year* (e.g. from 2000 to 2009), *Publication Type* (e.g. Research) or *Journal Subset* (e.g. UK & Ireland). Avoid applying too many limits as you may end up with only a handful of results!

ATTENTION! Databases such as CINAHL, Medline etc. do not usually give access to the full text of the article reference. If your reference is not full text and is not held here in the library please make use of our inter library loan service.