HSCI 1140 Library Lab: Find articles and reviews in MEDLINE
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Practice research topic: how effective is acupuncture for treating dry eye syndrome

Step 1. Identify main ideas / search terms
There are two main ideas in your research topic – fill in the blanks:
_____ acupuncture_____ AND ____________________________

Step 2. Go to Medline
Start from the library’s home page at http://www.langara.ca/library/
Click on Articles in Journals ➞ Click on the link to Medline

Step 3. Try a keyword search
a) Enter your search terms from Step 1. Put each concept in a separate search box and combine them with AND, as shown below:

AND between boxes means that ALL your terms must be found in search results.

Search tip! You can truncate search terms: medic* will search for medic, medical, medicine, etc.
* is the truncation symbol used in Google and most library databases
b) Limit your results to 2009- and click on ‘Search’

c) Skim the words in the keywords and write down other term related to the concept of dry eye: ____________________________

Step 4. Examine an article record
a) Click on the link for the 3rd article: Acupuncture and dry eye: current perspectives...
The Detailed Record will give you a good description of the article, including an Abstract, keywords, and sometimes MeSH terms.

b) Under Tools, Click on Add to folder. Note other Tools available (Email, Cite, etc.).
c) Skim the words in the keywords and write down other term related to the concept of dry eye: ____________________________
Step 5. Find more articles: add alternate terms to your search
   a) Go to the top of the Detailed Record page. You’ll see your 3 search boxes there.
   b) Add the alternate term for acupuncture to your search using OR, as below
   c) Add the additional dry eye term to your search using OR, as below, and click on Search:

   OR means that ANY term inside the box can be in the search results.

Step 6. Broaden your results: search for words anywhere in the article
   Leave acupuncture as is, but search the condition/disease in “TX All Text”:

Step 7. Quickly limit your search results to i. review articles or ii. Cochrane systematic reviews
   a) Use the “Limit To” options in the left-hand column

Step 8. Alternatively, limit your search results to all systematic reviews and meta-analyses
   a) Under “Limit To”, click on the “Show More” link
   b) Under Publication Type, hold down the control key to select both Meta-analyses and Systematic Reviews and click Search

Step 9. Save your work!
   Any saved articles are in the folder. Now email them to yourself!
   a) Click on the folder link
   b) Select the articles & email them to yourself, choosing APA citation

You can also save a search and email it to yourself:
   • Click on
   • Click on the link under Add search to folder:

   The link to the search is now saved in the folder and can be emailed from there