A. CINAHL – Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: Always make sure you are in Advanced Search mode when running searches

Keyword Search

- In the first search box, type in "medical error*"
- In the second search box, type in ethic*

Subject Heading Search

- Click on the CINAHL Headings located on the blue tool bar at the top of the screen
- Type the phrase medical errors in the search box, and click on Browse
- Check the box next to the phrase treatment errors

Exploding a Subject Heading

- Follow the blue line across the screen. Notice that across from the phrase treatment errors, there is a checkbox under the option to Explode. Explode means that there are more specific terms listed under the larger heading of treatment errors. To see those specific terms, click on the phrase treatment errors. This is a way to broaden your search.

Major Concept

- Follow the blue line across the screen. Notice that across from the phrase treatment errors, there is a checkbox under the option Major Concept. If this box is checked, CINAHL will retrieve citations where treatment errors is the focus of the articles retrieved. If this box remains unchecked, treatment errors may be the focus of the article, or may only be discussed a little bit.
Subheadings

- Follow the blue line across the screen. On the far right side of the screen, under the green Subheadings for: treatment errors is a list of subheadings. These subheadings allow you to search for your topic in a more specific way. For example, checking the box next to Ethical Issues will retrieve articles from CINAHL that discuss ethical issues in treatment errors. This is a way to narrow your search. We won’t check the box for this search.

Continuing the search...

- Check the box next to the phrase treatment errors.
- Check the boxes across from treatment errors, Explode and Major Concept
- Click on the green Search Database box at the top right side of the screen
- In the second search box, type in ethic* as a keyword phrase, and click on the green Search button

Quantitative Studies

- Remove the word ethic* from the previous search
- Keep the search treatment errors search
- In a search box, type in (MH "Quantitative Studies")

Qualitative Studies

- Remove the word ethic* from the previous search
- Keep the search treatment errors search
- In another search box, type in (MH "Qualitative Studies+")

Advanced Search Mode

Click on the blue Advanced Search hyperlink located underneath the top search boxes in order to apply most of the limits listed below. Notice the green area, Limit Your Results located underneath the search boxes.

Language Limit

- Limit the search to English language articles by checking the box in front of the English Language limit, or by highlighting English under the Language drop-down menu
Journal Name or Table of Contents

- Type in the name of the journal in the Publication, e.g., *american journal of public health*
- Type your topic into one of the boxes at the top of the page, e.g., "oral health"

Publication Year

- Limit the search to a specific set of years by typing in the date range into the boxes next to Published Date

Peer Reviewed Articles

- Limit to peer reviewed articles by checking the box on the right side of the page. You can also limit to peer reviewed publications by highlighting the phrase under the *Journal Subset* drop-down menu.

Research Articles

- Limit to research-based articles by checking the box on the left side of the page. You can also limit to research publications by highlighting *Research* under the *Publication Type* drop-down menu.

Systematic Reviews

- Limit to systematic reviews by highlighting the phrase under the *Publication Type* drop-down menu.

Meta Analysis

- Limit to meta analyses articles by highlighting the phrase under the *Publication Type* drop-down menu.

Age Groups

- Limit to various ages groups by highlighting the correct age range under the *Age Groups* drop-down menu.

Sex

- Limit to a specific gender by highlighting that role under the *Sex* menu.

Research Instruments, Questionnaires, Scales and Instrumentation

#1

- Type in a broad subject area, e.g. depression
Limit to a Questionnaire/Scale by highlighting the phrase under the Publication Type dropdown menu located on the right side of the page.

#2

Type in a broad subject area, e.g. depression

Limit to a Research Instrument by highlighting the phrase under the Publication Type dropdown menu located on the right side of the page.

B. Gale Virtual Reference Library

- Type in medicare in the first keyword search box
- Type in fraud* in the second keyword search box

C. Business – Scholarly & Trade

- In the first search box, type in “electronic medical record*”
- In the second search box, type in priva*

D. Dissertations & Theses Full Text

- In the first search box, type in “electronic medical record*”
- In the second search box, type in priva*

E. Digital Commons @EMU

- “medical records”
- E.g. sonstein

F. WorldCat

- In the first search box, type in “electronic medical record*”
- In the second search box, type in priva*

G. Library ESearch

"medical error*" ethic*
H. Locating More Recent Articles Using Cited Reference Searching

1) **Web of Science**
   - In the search box, type in the search: "medical treatment*" error* ethic*
   - In the search box, type in the article title: “ethical issues in hospital medicine”
   - Note the Times Cited located to the right of journal title

2) **Google Scholar**
   - In the search box, type in: "medical treatment*" error ethic
   - In the search box, type in the article title: “ethical issues in hospital medicine”
   - Note the Cited by link underneath the abstract

J. Additional Searching Features

1) **Verifying Peer Reviewed Status of a Journal Title**
   - Go to the *Ulrich’s Global Serials Directory* database located under the *Databases* tab on the EMU Library’s main page
   - Type in the name of the journal (not the article title) into the single search box
   - Click on the green magnifying glass icon at the end of the search box
   - Find the name of the journal in the list of results. If there is a small black & white referee shirt in the column to the left of the journal name, the journal is peer reviewed; if the referee shirt is not present, the journal is not peer reviewed
   
   e.g. #1 health affairs  
   e.g. #2 evidence based healthcare  
   e.g. #3 health care management review

2) **Obtaining the Item or Using Find Text**
   - Click the green *FindText* button located within each record
   - See this video [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ef1cD7KUmc8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ef1cD7KUmc8)

3) **Advanced CINAHL Features**
   a) **Search History**
      - Click on the *Search History* link located underneath the search boxes
      - Select the sets you wish to combine by placing a check mark in front of the boxes
If you wish to intersect the sets, select the gray button, *Search with AND*.

The system will automatically run the search and list the results below.

b) **Create an Account**

- Create an account in CINAHL by clicking on the *Sign In* link located on the top right side of the CINAHL page.
- On the *Sign In* page, click on the blue *Create a new Account* link. You can use any username or password you choose. You do not have to use your Net ID username & password.

c) **Saving a Search or Creating an Alert**

*Note 1:* This is an optional function. Keep in mind that you can only save your most recent search, so save each search after you run it. It can always be deleted.

*Note 2:* An alert means that CINAHL will send you any articles that pertain to your search as they update their system. Depending on how specifically you run your search, this could be zero articles or 100 articles, so be careful.

- Sign into the system
- Run a search
- Click on the *Search History* link located underneath the last search box
- See the options underneath *Search History/Alerts*
- Click on the hyperlink, *Save Searches/Alerts*
- In the box provided, type in a name for the search you wish to save
- Under *Save Search as*, check the correct radio button to either save permanently, save for 24 hours, or as an alert
- Click on the yellow *Save* button

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