



CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature)

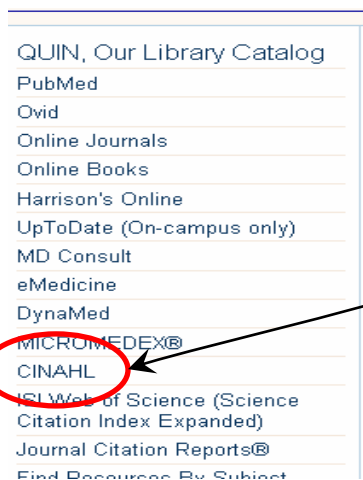
This handout will provide help with:

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“I’ve never seen or used CINAHL before. Where do I begin?”

- From the LSL homepage, click the [blue](#) link along the left side of the screen that says CINAHL.





“O.K. So, now I am at the CINAHL main page. What now?”

2) Basic Navigation of CINAHL main interface

- Some of the tools that live on the main interface of CINAHL that you will definitely want to know are:

The screenshot shows the CINAHL main interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the EBSCO Research Databases logo and links for Sign In, Folder, Preferences, New Features!, and Help. Below this is a search bar with a 'Find:' field and a 'Search' button. The 'in:' dropdown is set to 'CINAHL'. A 'Refine Search' button is highlighted with a red circle. Below the search bar, there is a 'Refine Search' section with various filters: Linked Full Text, References Available, Publication Year from, Published Date from, and Abstract Available. Callouts point to 'Advanced Search' (a button in the top navigation bar), 'Publications' (a button in the search bar), and 'Refine Search' (a button in the search bar).



“Great! Now that I can find these search options, how do I use them?”

3) Searching

- Keyword Search

Make sure you start in the “Keyword” search option

The screenshot shows the CINAHL main interface with the 'Keyword' search option selected in the search bar. The 'Find:' field is highlighted with a red circle. The 'in:' dropdown is set to 'CINAHL'. The 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons are visible.

- Type your search term in the white “Find” box.
- Click “Search”

- Search Strategies/Tips

- **Boolean Operators**- a term used to connect the concepts in your search, such as “AND” and “OR”.

- “AND” **narrows** your search results.

For instance, if you run the following search:



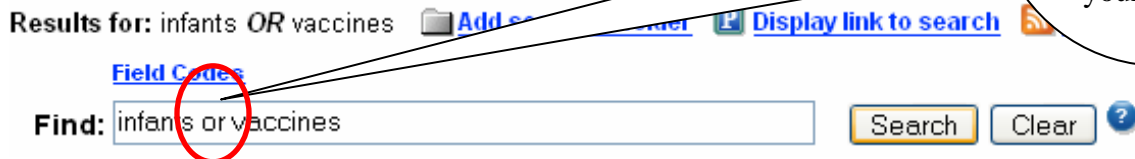
Retrieves citations including **ALL of the terms** specified for your search.

The citations retrieved will include **both** “infants” and “vaccines”.

Because a citation must include both of these terms to be retrieved in your search, this will lower the number of citation hits that are found.

- “OR” **expands** your search results.

For instance, if you run the following search,



Retrieves citations including **EITHER term** specified for your search.

The citations retrieved will include **either** of the terms “diabetes” and “statins”.

Using “OR” means that a citation result simply must contain X **or** Y- unlike using “AND,” it is unnecessary for it to contain **both** concepts. “OR” is less limiting because there will naturally be more results with one concept than with both concepts.

- **Truncation**- can also expand the number of citation results found in your search.

- To truncate a word in CINAHL, type an Asterisk (*) at the end of the word. For example: infan*
- This locates any word variations containing the root word specified in your search.

For instance, if you run the following search,

Results for: infan* [Add search to folder](#) [Display link to search](#) [Create alert for this sea](#)

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Find: [?](#)

The results retrieved will include any word with “infan” as the root; such as “infant,” “infancy,” “infants,” “infantile,” etc.

- **Refine Search**- will make your search more specific.
 - Some examples: limiting your search to full text articles or a certain publication date/year range.

The screenshot shows a search interface with a top navigation bar containing 'New Search', 'Keyword', 'Publications', 'CINAHL Headings', 'Cited References', and 'Indexes'. Below this is a search box with 'Find: infan*' and a 'Search' button. A callout bubble points to the 'Refine Search' tab, stating: 'Click the “Refine Search” tab, located below the search box.' Below the search box, the 'Refine Search' tab is highlighted with a red circle. The 'Limit your results:' section contains several filters: 'Linked Full Text' (checkbox), 'References Available' (checkbox), 'Abstract Available' (checkbox), 'Publication Year from' (input fields), 'Published Date from' (Month/Year dropdowns), 'Author' (input field), 'Publication' (input field), 'Peer Reviewed' (checkbox), 'Research Article' (checkbox), and 'CE Module' (checkbox). Callouts explain these filters: 'To only search within articles that are available in Full Text, click this box.' points to the 'Linked Full Text' checkbox; 'To limit by year range, input the years here.' points to the 'Publication Year from' input fields; and 'To limit to a specific date range, input months & years here.' points to the 'Published Date from' dropdowns. A 'Folder is empty.' message is visible in the top right corner.

- **Publications**- if you want to search by (or for!) a particular publication title, this is a useful tool.

The screenshot shows the CINAHL Publications search interface. At the top, there are navigation links: [New Search](#), [Keyword](#), [Publications](#), [CINAHL Headings](#), [Cited References](#), and [Index](#). The 'Publications' link is circled in red. Below this, the database is identified as 'CINAHL -- Publications'. A search box contains the text 'JAMA' with 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. A callout bubble points to the 'Publications' link with the text: 'Click on the "Publications" link located next to the "Keyword" search link.'

Below the search box, there is a 'Browse Publications:' section with an input field containing 'journal of the american medical association' and a 'Browse' button. Below the input field are radio buttons for 'Alphabetical' (selected), 'By Subject & Description', and 'Match Any Words'. A callout bubble points to the input field with the text: 'To search for a specific title, you can enter the name here.'

Below the radio buttons is an alphabetical list of letters from A to Z, with 'I' selected. A callout bubble points to this list with the text: 'You can browse an alphabetical list of journals indexed in CINAHL. Click directly on the journal title to see the citation record.'

Below the alphabetical list is a 'Mark Items for Search' section with an 'Add' button. Below this is a list of journal titles, each with a checkbox, an RSS icon, and a description:

- [Journal of the American Medical Directors Association](#)
Bibliographic Records: 2006 to present, with selective coverage back to 1994
Notes: This title is not held locally
- [Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association](#)
Bibliographic Records: 2006 to present, with selective coverage back to 1994
Notes: This title is not held locally
- [Journal of the American Medical Record Association](#)
Bibliographic Records: 1981 to 1991
Notes: This title is not held locally
- [Journal of the American Medical Technologists](#)
Bibliographic Records: 1981 to 1983
Notes: This title is not held locally
- [Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association](#)
Bibliographic Records: 2006 to present, with selective coverage back to 2000
Notes: This title is not held locally

- **Author Search**- search for articles written by a specific author.
 - Type AU, then the last name followed by the first name or initial. For example: AU Brownstein M
 - AU is known as an "Author Tag". If used in a search, it acts as the identifier which tells CINAHL that the given search terms should be interpreted as Author names.

- **Search History/Alerts-** to review (and use!) searches that have been run.
 - Located within the “Advanced Search” tab

Field Codes

Find: S2 and S8 Search

in: CINAHL (Searching: CINAHL)

Folder is empty.

Refine Search **Search History/Alerts** Results

Print Search History | Retrieve Searches | Retrieve Alerts | Save Searches / Alerts | Clear Search History

Combine searches with: and Add

Add to Search	Search ID#	Search Terms	Limiters and Expanders	Actions	Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	S9	S2 and S8		View Results (79) Revise Search View Details	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	S8	jama		View Results (1981) Revise Search View Details	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	S7	journal of the american medical association		View Results (62) Revise Search View Details	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	S6	JN "AAC: Augmentative & Alternative Communication" and DT 20000901		View Results (6) Revise Search View Details	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	S5	infan*		View Results (126612) Revise Search View Details	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	S4			View Results (126612)	<input type="checkbox"/>

- If you would like to combine multiple searches to become one search (generally making the new search more topic-specific), identify the numbers of the searches you wish to combine and enter them in the search box.
- After running the new combined search, it will be listed in the Search History.



“Wow. This is a lot of information. Even if I can now run a search, what does it matter if I’m not sure what a ‘citation’ and a ‘result list’ is?”

4) Understanding Your Results

- “Result List” refers to the **list** of articles that are found after running a search. Result Lists look similar to this:

Refine Search Search History/Alerts Results

All Results: 1-50 of 78572 Page: 1 2 3 4 5 Next Sort by: Date Add (1-50)

See: All Results Periodicals Books/Monographs Pamphlets Dissertations CEUs Research Instruments Proceedings

Narrow Results by Subject

- Infant
- Female
- Child, Preschool
- Male
- Child
- Infant, Newborn
- Adult
- Adolescence
- Prospective Studies
- Pregnancy

1. [Vasopressin in catecholamine-refractory shock in children.](#) Meyer S; Gortner L; McGuire W; Baghai A; Gottschling S Anaesthesia, 2008 Mar; 63 (3): 228-34 (journal article) ISSN: 0003-2409 PMID: 18081903 CINAHL AN: 2009821492
Notes: The Lamar Soutter Library subscribes to this title.
Get it UMassMed Check SFX for more information
2. [Hospitalized children's mood differences during play and music therapy.](#) (includes abstract); Hendon C; Bohon LM Child: Care, Health & Development, 2008 Mar; 34 (2): 141-4 (journal article - research, tables/charts) ISSN: 0305-1862 PMID: 18257785 CINAHL AN: 2009778668
Notes: This title is not held locally
Get it UMassMed Check SFX for more information
3. [A qualitative study of parents' perceptions of a behavioural sleep intervention.](#) (includes abstract); Tse L; Hall W Child: Care, Health & Development, 2008 Mar; 34 (2): 162-72 (journal article - questionnaire/scale, research, tables/charts) ISSN: 0305-1862 PMID: 18257788 CINAHL AN: 2009778674
Notes: This title is not held locally
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4. [Aunties and Uncles Co-operative Family Project: the experiences of children, volunteers and parents.](#) (includes abstract); Beale B; Wilkes L; Power B; Beale R Child: Care, Health & Development, 2008 Mar; 34 (2): 173-9 (journal article - research, tables/charts) ISSN: 0305-1862 PMID: 18257789 CINAHL AN: 2009778675
Notes: This title is not held locally
Get it UMassMed Check SFX for more information
5. [Maternal spanking practices in a rural area of Turkey.](#) (includes abstract); Buldukcu K; Kukulcu K Child:

- “Citation” refers to the **individual** listing of an article.
 - To access an article citation, click on the **blue** link at the top of each Citation.

- The Anatomy of a Citation

After you click on the [blue](#) link above the citation listing, you will find the Citation. This is similar to what you will see:

The screenshot shows a citation page with the following components and callouts:

- Article Title:** A red circle highlights the word "Title:" in the citation header.
- Authors:** A green circle highlights the "Author(s):" field.
- Title of Publication Source:** A black circle highlights the "Source:" field.
- Abstract (brief summation of article)- this may not always be available:** A pink circle highlights the "Abstract:" field.

The citation details are as follows:

Title: Aunties and Uncles Co-operative Family Project: the experiences of children, volunteers and parents. [Find More Like This](#)

Author(s): [Beale B](#); [Wilkes L](#); [Power B](#); [Beale R](#)

Affiliation: School of Nursing, University of Western Sydney, Penrith South DC, NSW

Source: [Child Care, Health & Development](#) (CHILD CARE HEALTH DEV), 2008 Mar, 34(2): 173-9

Publication Type: journal article - research, tables/charts

Language: English

Major Subjects: [Community Programs -- Evaluation](#)
[Family Relations](#)
[Family Services](#)
[Mentorship](#)
[Support, Psychosocial -- In Infancy and Childhood](#)

Minor Subjects: [Adolescence](#); [Adult](#); [Aged](#); [Child](#); [Child Development](#); [Child, Preschool](#); [Descriptive Research](#); [Extended Family](#); [Family Coping](#); [Female](#); [Funding Source](#); [Infant](#); [Infant, Newborn](#); [Interpersonal Relations](#); [Male](#); [Middle Age](#); [New South Wales](#); [Parental Attitudes](#); [Parents](#); [Questionnaires](#); [Semi-Structured Interview](#); [Social Skills](#); [Survey Research](#); [Volunteer Experiences](#); [Volunteer Workers](#)

Abstract: Background This paper reports on the experiences of the children (nieces and nephews), volunteers (aunts and uncles) and parents involved in the Aunties and Uncles Co-operative Family Project in Sydney, Australia. The project has run for 30 years as an extended family network of community volunteers and has never been evaluated. Methods A survey comprising open-ended and closed questions relating to the service was administered to all stakeholders. Demographic data were collected on all respondents. The text from answers to open-ended questions on the survey was coded for similarities and differences and was categorized. From the categories, the experiences of children, volunteers and parents were written with exemplars from the respondents' text. Results Three major categories emerged from the text: enjoyment/satisfaction of the experience for volunteers, children and parents; family relationships; and the difference it has made to me (children, parents and volunteers). Conclusions The long-term

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