How to do a Basic Search in Ovid Medline

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Ovid is a medical information company which hosts access to several databases, including Medline. Medline is produced by the U.S. National Library of Medicine and includes biomedical content from more than 5,000 journals. This tutorial can also be used in Ovid PsycINFO.

1. Visit the Ovid Medline website through the library homepage (https://library.mghihp.edu).
2. Enter your keywords into the search bar, click “Map Term to Subject Heading,” and then click “Search.” Articles in Medline are indexed according to the National Library of Medicine’s medical subject headings, and you want to ensure your keyword matches the correct subject heading.

3. Select the subject heading which best matches your term. If you're not sure if a subject heading matches your term, click “scope” for the definition. Select the box next to the term and click “Continue.”

4. Medline will redirect you to a list of subheadings, but it is not necessary to choose any. Click “continue.”
5. Repeat steps 2-4 to create a new search, which will be combined with the current search through the search history. Repeat this process until you have completed search terms for all key terms in your PICO question.

6. Your search history will display all results of your searches. To find articles related to all concepts searched, select the box for all searches. Combine the selections by pressing “AND.”

7. Click “Display Results” for search results targeted to all of your search terms.

For a step-by-step tutorial on how to do a basic search in Ovid Medline, check out this video on YouTube: https://youtu.be/eoLM4dLFhfw

For more help visit https://library.mghihp.edu