

Browse articles by **topics** for titles listed by Review Group and topic categories

or...

Search using key words.

Select whether to look for words in all the text, or only the title, author's name, abstract, etc. Click *Advanced Search* to build more complex search strategies. Search tips are displayed at the right side of the screen.

Free text = using natural language to search

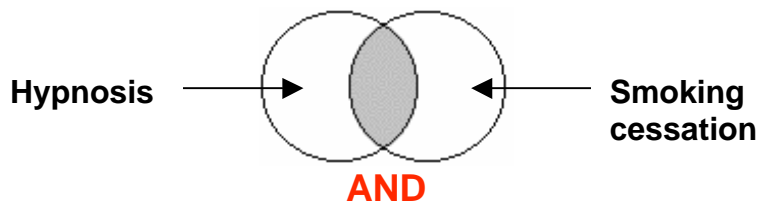
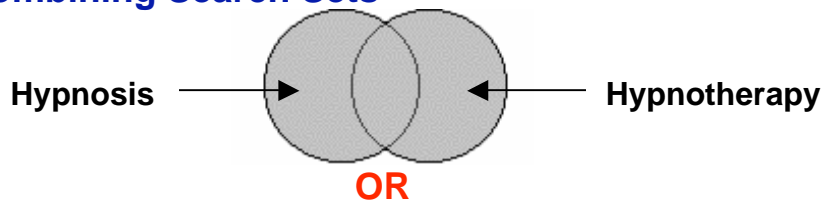
MeSH = MEDical Subject Heading – search with controlled vocabulary

Searching both free text and MeSH is comprehensive

Truncation

Use * to retrieve any variation of a word
e.g. Hypno* = hypnosis OR hypnotherapy

Combining Search Sets



Exporting Results

To export your search results as a text file (just the citations or whole abstracts), click the *Export All Results* button at the bottom of the page. To only export results of interest, check the boxes on the left side of the titles and click *Export Selected Citations*.

Click **Search history** to see your previous searches. Click on the search to run it again. Use the numbers at the left side to combine searches.

Example search history

| ID | Search | Hits | Edit | Delete |
|----|--|------|----------------------|------------------------|
| #1 | hypno* in All Fields in all products | 3268 | edit | delete |
| #2 | MeSH descriptor Hypnosis explode all trees in MeSH products | 386 | edit | delete |
| #3 | (#1 OR #2) | 3436 | edit | delete |
| #4 | smoking cessation in All Fields in all products | 2293 | edit | delete |
| #5 | MeSH descriptor Smoking Cessation explode all trees in MeSH products | 1114 | edit | delete |
| #6 | (#4 OR #5) | 2293 | edit | delete |
| #7 | (#3 AND #6) | 31 | edit | delete |

Saving and Deleting

Save Search = To save a search so you can run it again later, click the *Save Search Strategy* button below the search history.

Delete Search = To remove a single search from the history or edit a search, click on the *Edit* or *Delete* buttons at the right side. To delete an entire search history, click the *Clear History* button.

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