

CHOOSING A DATABASE

Information about important databases to help you choose where to start your literature search
If you are not sure what subject headings or document types are, please contact [Maribeth](#).

Name/UA Link	Good for....	Things to remember...	Subject headings	Document types
PubMed	Clinical and basic sciences, excellent free database If you can only search one database, choose PubMed!	Save citations to the Clipboard to email or export. See PubMed for Nurses tutorial to get started	MeSH (<u>M</u> edical <u>S</u> ubject <u>H</u> eadings)	Filters > Article Types > Customize > RCT, MA, SR
CINAHL	Nursing and allied health (nutrition, OT, PT, etc.); strong focus on nursing	Save citations to Folder to email or export. Some overlap with PubMed. EBSCOHost interface	CINAHL headings	Advanced Search > Publication Type > RCT, MA, SR
Embase	Strong in pharmacology, complementary & alternative health and medical device information	Save citations to the Clipboard to email or export. Tricky to learn but worth the effort!	EMTREE headings	Results Filter > Study types > RCT, MA, SR
Google Scholar	Broad coverage – great to begin or end a search on almost any topic	Configure in Settings - link with UA full text & import citations to EndNote Great for starting or finishing a search but not comprehensive	None	Put document type in quotes, e.g., “systematic review”
PsycInfo	Psychology and psychiatry, use for behavioral aspects of human health & disease.	Save citations to folder to email or export. EBSCOHost interface	PsycInfo thesaurus	Advanced Search > Methodology > Empirical Study, Meta Analysis, Systematic Review

