MD CONSULT – HOW TO SEARCH IT!

Location: Shimberg Health Sciences Library (http://hsc.usf.edu/library/) – MDConsult link

Password/Log-on ID's: HSC e-mail account ID and password

Best Way to Start: Go to Advanced Search, Books, or Journals.

Fields: Basic & Books:
- Keyword, based on subject matter

Most comprehensive package of 35+ text books & 50 journals online. Full text.

Boolean: use AND, OR, NOT with keywords

Truncation:
- Nurse = nurses
- Automatically searched.
- Chemo* = multiple characters
- Panacre?s = 1 character in middle or end of word, not the beginning.
- (pancreatic AND cancer) = nested terms
- "pancreatic cancer" = exact terms.

History: No Adjacency: None

Formats Available: Text, images, pill images.

Full Text: All text books, drug info, practice guidelines, 50 periodicals full text.

Purpose/Scope: Reference books, journal articles, practice guidelines, drug information, news, reports and patient handouts by subject matter for practicing health care professionals. Practical, current information by subject.

Best Use: Books, journal articles from 50 periodicals, guidelines, news, reports, histories.

Searching Tips: Books and Journals have separate search screens. You can also search by All Sections. Use Advanced Search in Journals for search by keyword, author, title, date, etc. Practice Guidelines may be searched by keyword, author and year. Otherwise, all other searching is only by keyword, and no limiters such as date. Search term highlighted throughout the selection. Journal articles have a linked table of contents. Print from main browser. No internal options for e-mail, print, etc.

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