These 3 words are used as connectors between search terms. They are called **Boolean Operators**. They must be CAPITALIZED.

**AND**
- Results contain sources with **ALL** search terms
- Decreases the number and narrows the focus of results
- Knee **AND** splint **AND** recovery
- Hypertension **AND** weight
- Most databases assume **AND** between terms without having to type it in

**OR**
- Results contain sources with **ANY** of your search terms
- Increases the number and broadens the focus of results
- **splint** **OR** brace **OR** orthotic
- Acl **OR** “anterior cruciate ligament”

**NOT**
- Eliminates sources containing the term after **NOT**
- Decreases the number and narrows the focus of results
- (injury OR strain OR pull) **NOT** tear
- (cancer AND treatment) **NOT** surgery

*notice **OR** is used with synonyms and related terms*