

## Some Search Strategies

<b>AND</b>	Combine words together with <b>AND</b> to tell the database <b>ALL</b> the search terms must be present. Narrows your search results.
<b>OR</b>	Combine words together with <b>OR</b> to tell the database that <b>ANY</b> of the search terms can be present. Broadens your search results.
	NOTE: if you use a combination of AND and OR operators in a search, enclose the words to be “ORed” together in parentheses.    ethics AND (cloning OR reproduction OR genetics)
<b>phrase searching</b>	Enclose search terms in quotation marks to search as a phrase - those terms in the exact adjacent order. "nerve stimulation"    "stem cell research"    "breast cancer"
<b>truncation</b>	Common symbol used to replace any number of letters at the ends of words. Also called stemming. Helps find singulars, plurals, and variant beginnings or endings of words. immun* finds immune, immunity, immunities, immunize, immunized, immunizes, immunizations +more
<b>synonyms</b>	There may be a variety of ways to describe a concept. Searching multiple terms will expand your search. "heart attack" OR "cardiac arrest" OR "coronary heart disease" OR "myocardial infarction" teen* OR "young adult" OR youth OR adolescen*                      child* OR juvenile OR minor OR pediatric
<b>limits</b> -- <b>filters</b>	Think of how you might <b>limit</b> the scope of your question. Databases usually allow you to <b>filter</b> your search results in various ways. These include: language, type of publication or study, publication dates, age groups, sex, full-text availability  You can also limit your search to specific field, e.g. search only the title and abstract for the terms you've entered in order to focus your search.