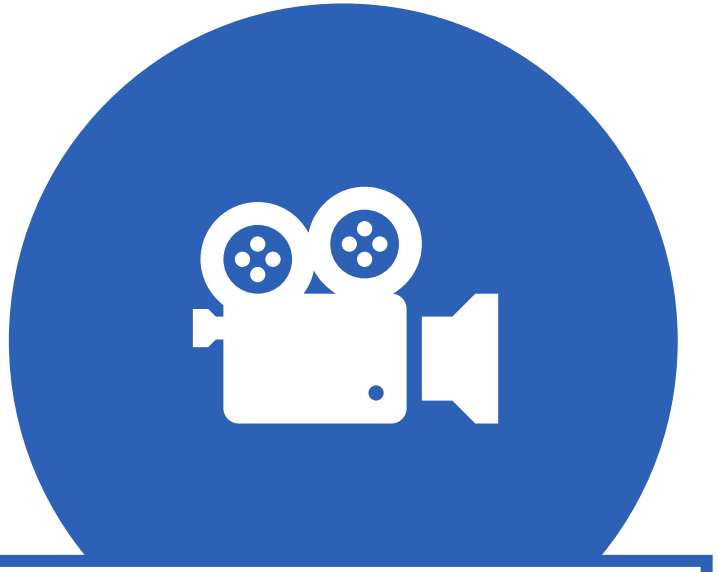
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Basic Searching for CINAHL on the new EBSCOhost



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Agenda

1. AI-assisted Search
2. Keyword searching
3. Filtering results
4. Viewing results
5. MyEBSCO account

Objectives

Use AI-assisted search to retrieve relevant results

Perform keyword searches to find full text articles

Use available filters to refine search results

Display, view and access full-text records

Use a MyEBSCO account to store & retrieve results and searches

CINAHL Overview

CINAHL available on EBSCOhost

	CINAHL	CINAHL with Full Text	CINAHL Plus with Full Text	CINAHL Complete	CINAHL Ultimate
Active journals indexed	3,741	3,741	3,741	3,741	3,741
Begin date of indexing	1931	1931	1931	1931	1931
Comes with PreCINAHL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Active full-text journals and magazines	34	315	375	708	1,892
Begin date of full text	1972	1972	1971	1971	1962
Continuing Education Modules	N/A	N/A	192	192	192
Research Instrument Records	106	106	254	254	254
Full-text evidence-based care sheets	N/A	N/A	138	138	138
Full-text quick lessons	N/A	N/A	164	164	164
Nursing Instructional Videos	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	324

Facts about CINAHL!

Journals

- 6,600+ journals indexed
- 3,741 actively indexed

Specialities covered:

- 115 nursing
- 112 allied health

CINAHL (Subject) Headings

- Updated quarterly
- New terms added in response to user feedback, indexer recommendations, ongoing monitoring of professional organisations



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CINAHL covers all nursing and allied health specialties, including:

Ambulatory care nursing

Cardiovascular nursing

Critical care nursing

Emergency medical technicians

Gerontologic nursing

Nuclear medicine technicians

Occupational therapy

Oncologic nursing

Paediatric nursing

Physiotherapy

Psychiatric nursing

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- Explore evidence summaries
- Search databases
- Find medicines information

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Databases

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What are databases?

Bibliographic databases are searchable collections of journal articles and other resources like conference proceedings, book chapters, reports and standards. They can contain full-text or just abstracts.

Databases are useful for doing a thorough search of the literature on a subject as they often support more complex search queries than the Library Search. Database providers have their own search interfaces, and these vary depending on the supplier.

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- ProQuest Public Health
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Search articles, books, journals & more

NHS SCOTLAND | Searching: CINAHL

Basic search | PICOT

All fields

AND All fields

AND All fields

Add row | Delete row | Suggest subject terms | Clear all | Suggest terms

Filters | Search options | Publications | CINAHL Headings

Limit your results

Clear all

- [ ] Linked Full Text
- [ ] References Available
- [ ] Abstract Available
- [ ] English Language
- [ ] Peer Reviewed
- [ ] Research Article
- [ ] Exclude Pre-CINAHL
- [ ] Exclude MEDLINE records
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- [ ] Inpatients
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- [ ] Human
- [ ] First Author is Nurse

Using AI-assisted Search

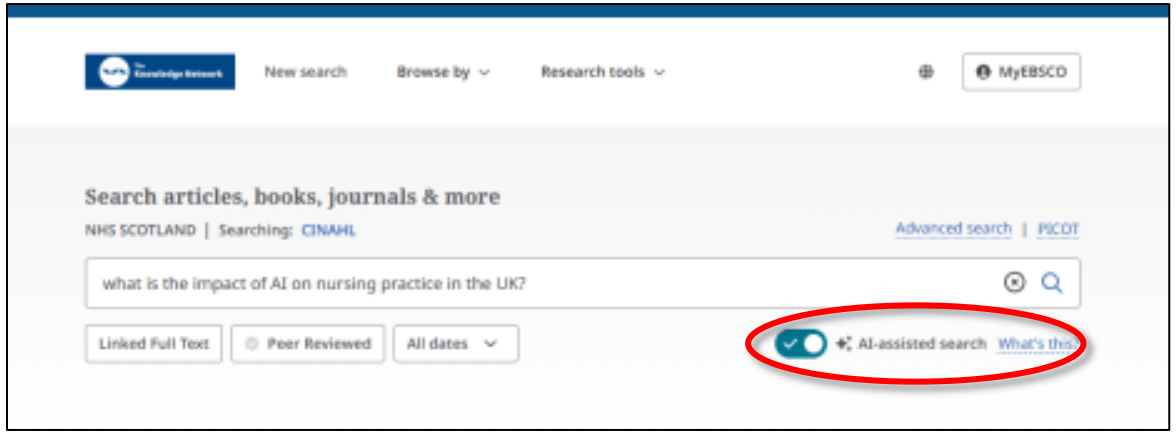
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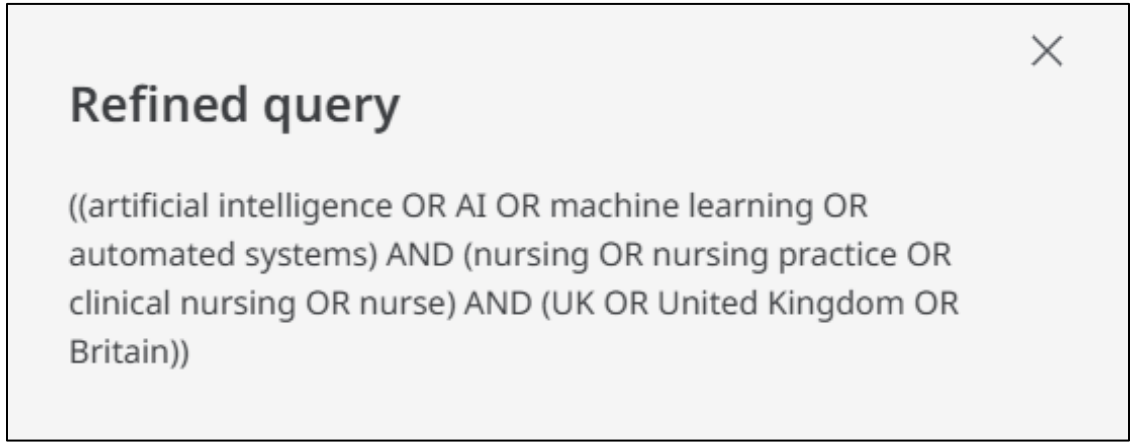
AI-assisted search mode is a search feature that allows users to query using everyday language.

When a user initiates a search using this search mode, the query is sent to a **Large Language Model (LLM).**

The LLM assesses both the intent and context of the query, combining enhanced AI capabilities with EBSCO's existing search algorithm.

Note: EBSCO’s AI-assisted mode does not collect user or query data for training purposes.





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Searching

Searching – Keywords & Subjects

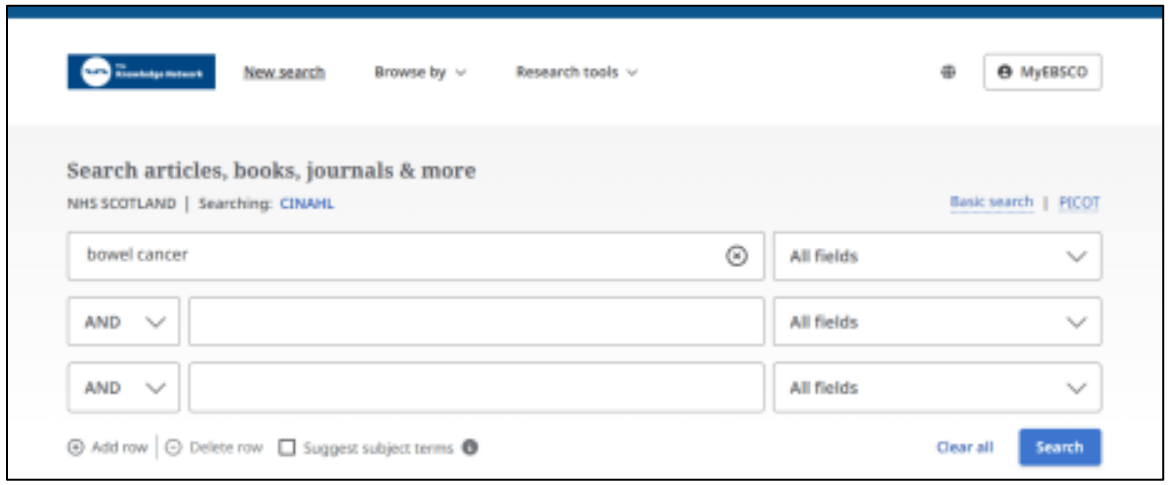
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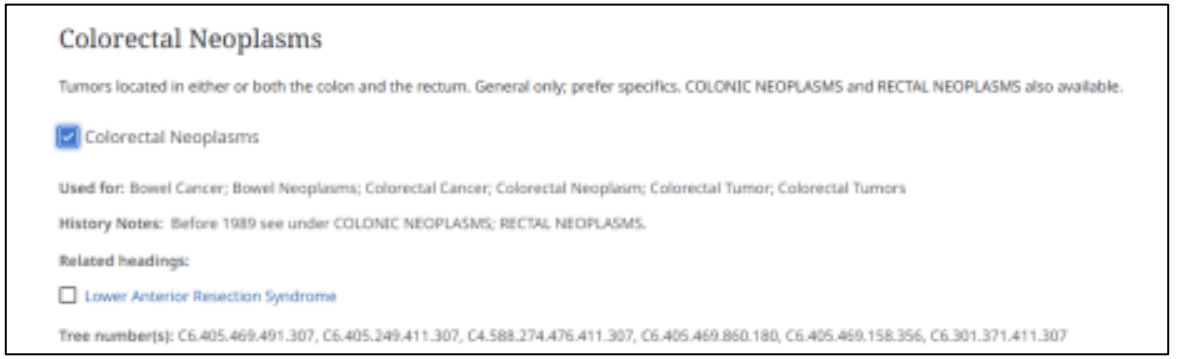
Searching for the **literal occurrence of the word(s)**
e.g., *bowel cancer*

Subjects (CINAHL Headings)

Retrieves records based on the **assignment of index terms**

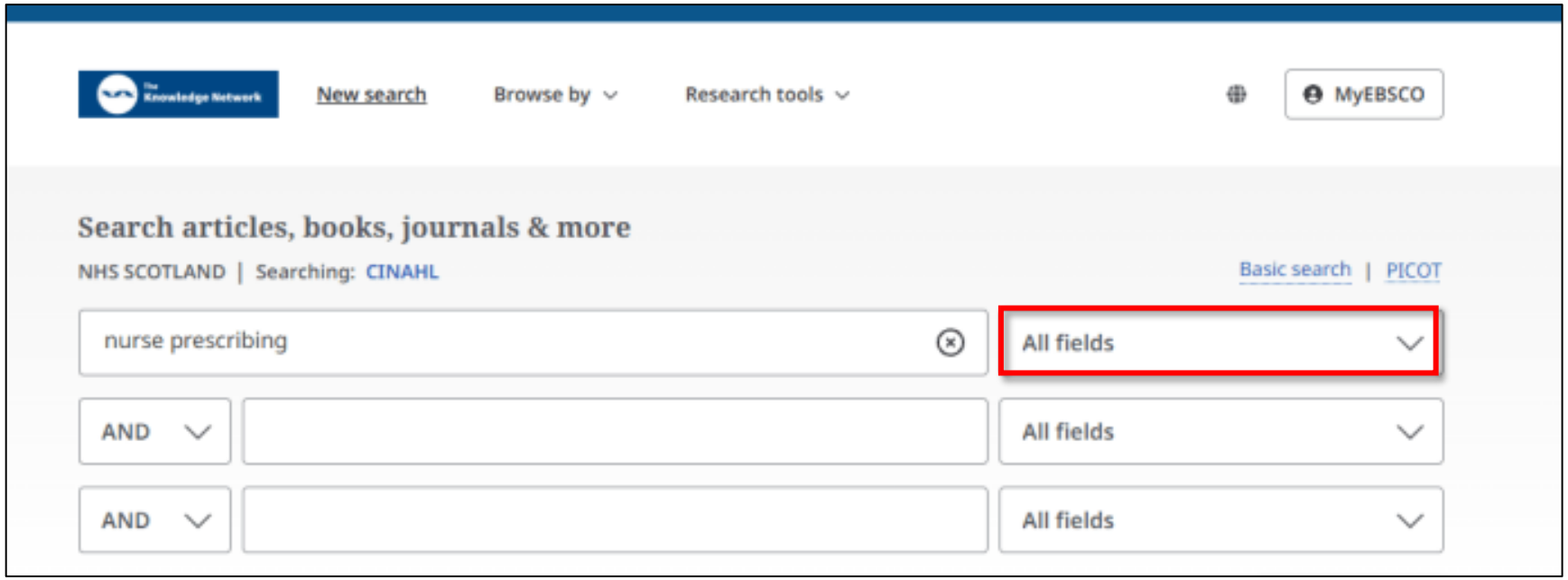
CINAHL Headings identified the coverage of the items indexed in the database
e.g. COLORECTAL NEOPLASMS





Keyword (free-text)- Unqualified Search – CINAHL & MEDLINE

CINAHL - The default fields for unqualified searches consist of the following: ***Title, Abstract and Subject headings, PubMed ID (PMID), Digital Object Identifier (DOI), Author.***

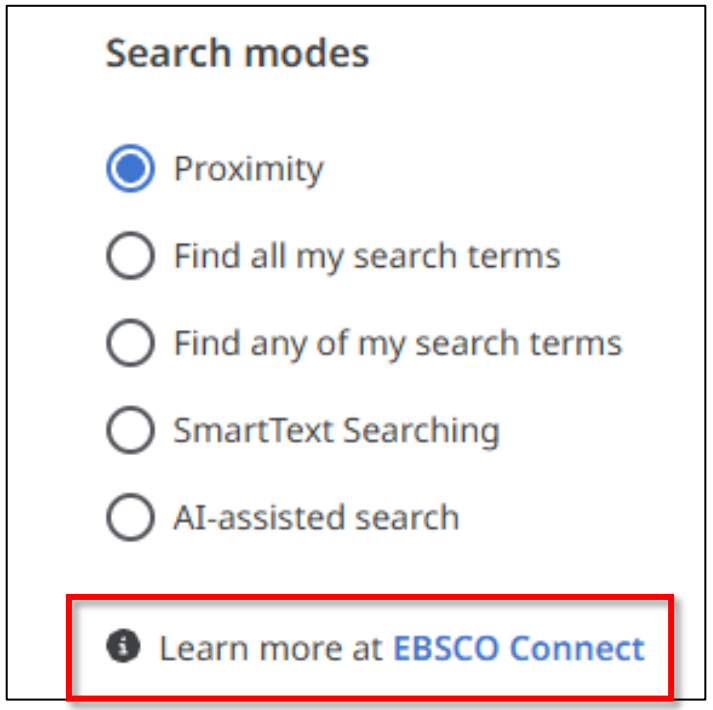


For more information, please see: What is an unqualified search? And Which fields can be searched using the "All fields" drop-down list?

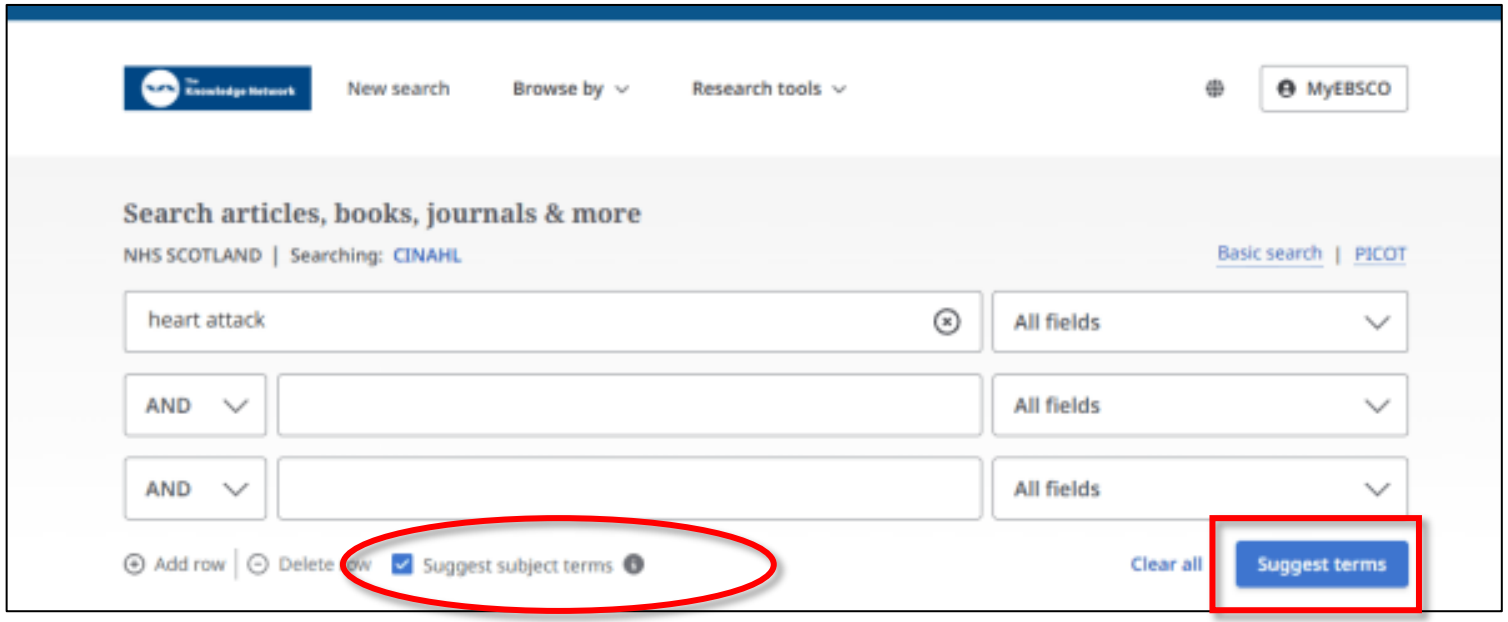
Search Options: **Search Modes**

Located within Search Options tab (Advanced Search) – default is *Proximity* i.e., searches for words near other.

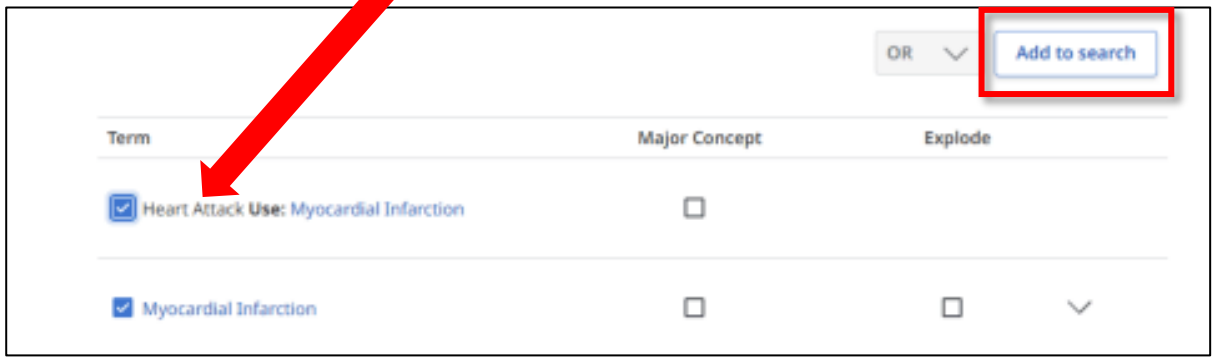
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Subject Headings – Using **Suggest Subject Terms**



Enter the keyword search term and tick **Suggest Subject Terms** – click **Suggest terms** to be mapped to the **CINAHL Heading**



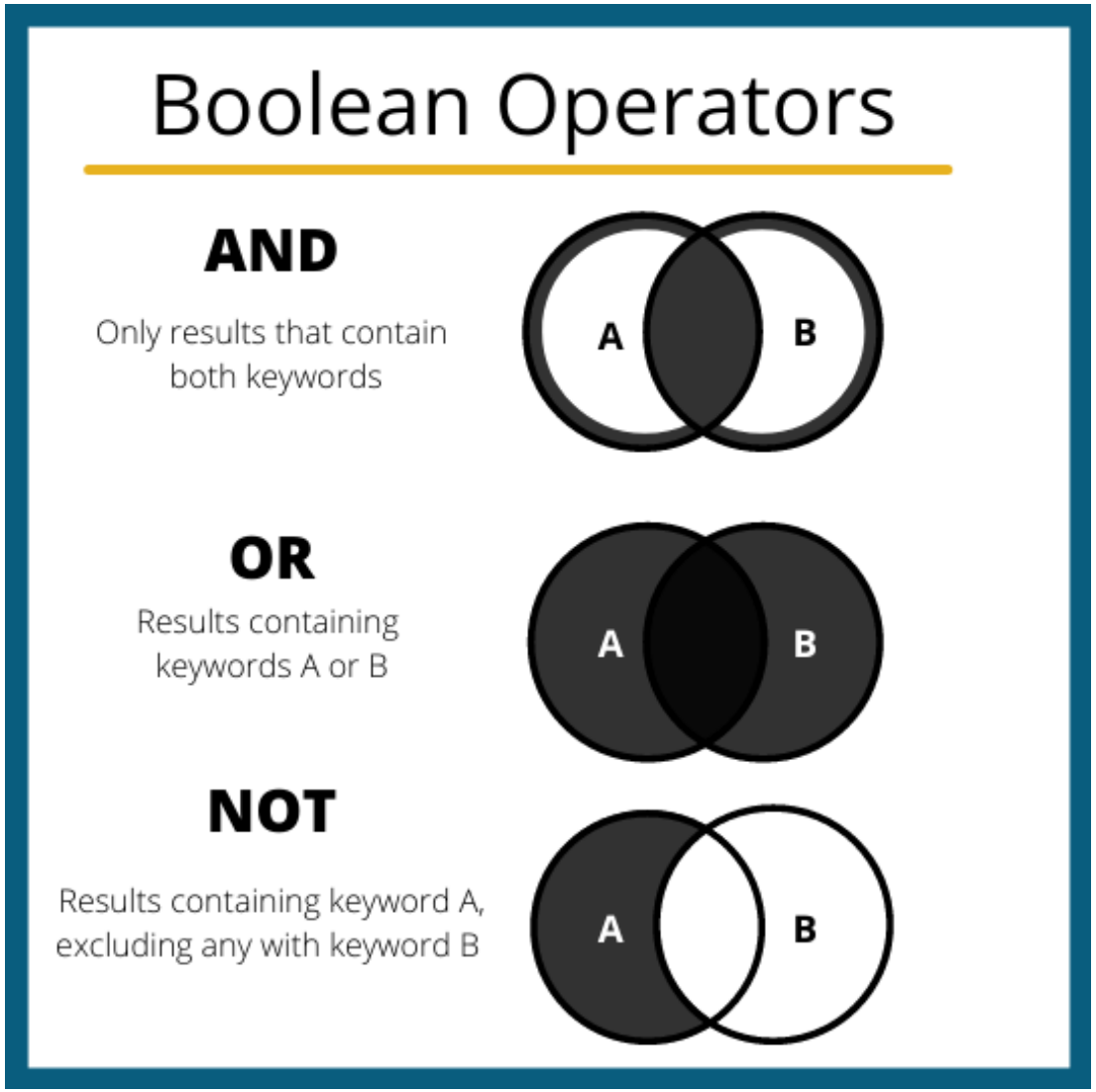
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[How do I use the Suggest Subject Terms feature in EBSCOhost?]

Combining Terms – using (Boolean) operators

AND : Combines two or more search elements.
• **Effect**: Narrows search results, e.g., ***leg AND ulcers***
• **Impact**: Retrieves only references that include *both* terms — fewer, more specific results.

OR: Connects synonyms or related terms.
• **Effect**: Broadens search results, e.g. ***aged OR elderly***
• **Impact**: Retrieves references with *either* term — more results, useful for capturing variations.

NOT :Excludes a term from the search.
•**Effect**: Narrows search results by removing irrelevant topics, e.g., ***Scotland NOT England***
•**Impact**: Retrieves references about ***A*** but *excludes* those that mention **B** — more targeted.



Live Demo

Take Home Points

Leverage AI-assisted search to help identify relevant concepts and retrieve high-quality results more efficiently.

Use keyword and subject searches to locate relevant literature and access full-text articles.

Refine your results with filters such as publication date, peer-reviewed journals, age group, and publication type to focus on the most relevant evidence.

View and access full-text records by navigating abstracts, full text, and available library holdings.

Create and use a MyEBSCO account to set up Projects, save articles, store & retrieve searches for future access

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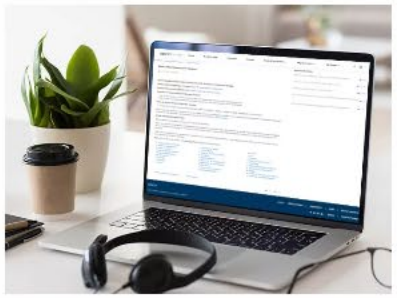
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