

Search Tips:

Phrase Searching

At the end of this module you will know how to effectively search for a phrase.



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Phrase searching is used to make your search more precise by using quotes around a phrase, so that it looks for words in that exact order. Pet therapy finds the words “pet” and “therapy” anywhere in a record. “Pet therapy” finds those two words in this exact order in a record.

In this example, I'm using the library database, Academic Search Complete, to begin my re-search on pet therapy with humans. I got a lot of hits....

The screenshot shows the EBSCO Academic Search Complete interface. The search term "pet therapy" is entered in the search bar. The results page shows 4301 results. The left sidebar is circled in red and contains the following information:

- 4301 Results for...
- Find all my search terms: pet therapy
- Refine your results
- Full Text
- References Available
- Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals
- 1962 Publication Date 2012
- Source Types
- All Results
- Academic Journals
- Book Reviews
- Books
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Subject: Thesaurus Term
- Subject
- Publication

The main results area shows three hits:

- Assessment of response to endocrine therapy using FDG PET/CT in metastatic breast cancer: a pilot study.**
By: Mortazavi-Jehanno, Nina; Graudet, Anne-Laure; Champion, Laurence; Lerebours, Florence; Stanc, Elise; Edeline, Veronique; Madar, Olivier; Bellet, Dominique; Pedding, Alan; Alberini, Jean-Louis. *European Journal of Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging*, Mar2012, Vol. 39 Issue 3, p450-460, 11p, 2 Black and White Photographs, 1 Diagram, 3 Charts, 3 Graphs; DOI: 10.1007/s00259-011-1981-z
Purpose: The purpose of this pilot study was to assess whether outcome in metastatic or recurrent breast cancer patients is related to metabolic response to endocrine therapy determined by F-FDG ...
Subjects: PROGNOSIS; RESEARCH; HORMONE therapy; BREAST -- Cancer --Patients; TOMOGRAPHY; BONE metastasis; LYMPH nodes; CANCER
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- PET Imaging for Gene & Cell Therapy.**
By: Collins, Sara A.; Hiraoka, Key; Inagaki, Akhito; Kasahara, Noriyuki; Tangney, Mark. *Current Gene Therapy*, Feb2012, Vol. 12 Issue 1, p20-32, 13p
As the interest in gene therapy increases, the development of an efficient and reliable means to monitor gene delivery and expression in patients is becoming more important. An ideal imaging moda...
Subjects: TOMOGRAPHY; Emission; CELLULAR therapy; GENE therapy; GENE expression; GENETIC vectors; DIAGNOSTIC imaging; NUCLEAR medicine; Diagnostic Imaging Centers
Database: Academic Search Complete
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- Diagnosis and dosimetry in differentiated thyroid carcinoma using I PET: comparison of PET/MRI vs PET/CT of the neck.**
By: Nagarajah, James; Jentzen, Walter; Harlung, Verena; Rosenbaum-Kumme, Sandra; Mikat, Christian; Heuser, Till; Antoch, Gerald; Bockisch, Andreas; Stahl, Alexander. *European Journal of Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging*, Oct2011, Vol. 38 Issue 10, p1862-1868, 7p, 1 Color Photograph, 2 Black and White Photographs

...but it's not until I see the fourth hit that I see anything having to do with what I was thinking about. I'm going to put my phrase in quotes to make my search more efficient. I dramatically reduced the number of results I get, but they are much more targeted. Another cool thing about phrase searching is that it works in Google searches too.

The screenshot shows the EBSCO Academic Search Complete interface with the search term "pet therapy" in quotes. The results page shows 195 results. The left sidebar is circled in red and contains the following information:

- 195 Results for...
- Find all my search terms: "pet therapy"
- Refine your results
- Full Text
- References Available
- Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals
- 1984 Publication Date 2012
- Source Types
- All Results
- Academic Journals
- Book Reviews
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Subject: Thesaurus Term
- Subject
- Publication

The main results area shows three hits:

- Pet in the therapy room: An attachment perspective on Animal-Assisted Therapy.**
By: Zilcha-Mano, Sigal; Mikulincer, Mario; Shaver, Phillip R.. *Attachment & Human Development*, Nov2011, Vol. 13 Issue 6, p541-561, 21p; DOI: 10.1080/14616734.2011.608987
John Bowlby's (1973, 1980, 1982) attachment theory is one of the most influential theories in personality and developmental psychology and provides insights into adjustment and psychopathology ac...
Subjects: PETS -- Therapeutic use; METHODOLOGY; ATTACHMENT behavior; CONCEPTUAL structures (Information theory); INTERPERSONAL relations; OUTCOME assessment (Medical care); PSYCHOLOGY; PSYCHOTHERAPISTS; PSYCHOTHERAPY; SOCIAL skills; THEORY; OCCUPATIONAL roles; PROFESSIONAL-client relations; TREATMENT effectiveness
Database: Academic Search Complete
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- Pet therapy in elderly patients with mental illness.**
By: MORETTI, Francesca; DE RONCHI, Diana; BERNABEI, Virginia; MARCETTI, Lucia; FERRARI, Barbara; FORLANI, Claudia; NEGRETTI, Francesca; SACCHETTI, Clea; ATTI, Anna Rita. *Psychogeriatrics*, Jun2011, Vol. 11 Issue 2, p125-129, 5p, 1 Chart; DOI: 10.1111/j.1479-8301.2010.00325.x
Background: To evaluate the effects of pet therapy on cognitive function, mood and perceived quality of life on elderly inpatients (mean age 84.7 years; 95.2% women) affected by dementia, depress...
Subjects: DEMENTIA; MENTAL depression; MENTAL illness; DEPRESSION in old age; DOGS; HUMAN-animal relationships; NURSING home patients; PSYCHOLOGY; PETS; PSYCHOLOGICAL tests; QUALITY of life; T-test (Statistics); PETS -- Therapeutic use; CASE-control method; OLD age; ITALY; TREATMENT
Database: Academic Search Complete
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- Evaluating College Student Interest in Pet Therapy.**
By: Adame, Kathleen N.; Riley, Tracy A.; Carlson, Tracey. *Journal of American College Health*, Mar/Apr2009, Vol. 57 Issue 5, p545-548, 4p, 1 Black and White Photograph

Almost every database you search will have an “advanced search” screen and a Help page. It is worth the time to read the Help tips in databases to make you a more efficient researcher.

The screenshot shows the EBSCO Academic Search Complete interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Cited References', 'More', 'Sign In', 'Folder', 'Preferences', 'Languages', 'New Features!', 'Ask a Librarian', and 'Help'. The EBSCO logo is on the left, and the Carol Grotnes Bell Library & Information Commons logo is on the right. The search bar contains the text 'Searching: Academic Search Complete' and a 'Choose Databases' link. Below the search bar are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. A red circle highlights the 'Advanced Search' link in the navigation menu. Other navigation options include 'Search Options', 'Basic Search', 'Visual Search', and 'Search History'. A 'Reset' button is located in the top right corner of the search area. Below the search bar, there are two checkboxes: 'Apply related words' and 'Also search within the full text of the articles'.

You should now know how to use phrase searching as part of your search strategy.

