

How to build a search in CINAHL

A Preston Smith Library

Tutorial

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Quick PMID Search

- ### Popular Resources
- Access Products Index
 - CINAHL Complete
 - ClinicalKey / FirstConsult
 - Cochrane
 - DynaMed Plus
 - Embase
 - Essential Evidence Plus
 - Micromedex
 - Nursing Reference Center
 - Ovid
 - SCOPUS

Start here!
Select CINAHL Complete

Enter term into upper box. Search.
CINAHL will suggest subject headings for that concept.



Searching: **CINAHL Complete** | [Choose Databases](#)

Suggest Subject Terms

patient safety|

Select a Field (optional) ▾

patient safety

patient safety in nursing

patient safety in hospitals

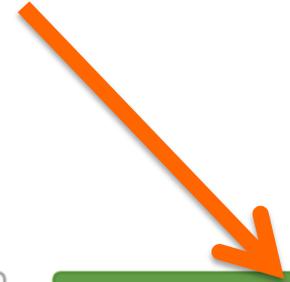
patient safety and quality

patient safety culture

patient safety or patient outcomes or quality of care

patient safety and quality: an evidence-based handbook for nurses

Search



Results For: patient safety

Check box to view subheadings. |
 [Click linked term for tree view.](#)

	Explode (+)	Major Concept	Scope
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patient Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Off (Patient Safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Safety, Patient **Use:** [Patient Safety](#)

Subheadings for: Patient Safety

Include All Subheadings
 Or select one or more subheadings to restrict your search

- Adverse Effects/AE
- Analysis/AN
- Classification/CL
- Economics/EC
- Education/ED

Search Database

Search Term	Explode (+)	Major Concept
Patient Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> X

Check box to view subheadings. | Click linked term for tree view.

Choose subheadings to narrow your search. Or include all.

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- Education/ED
- Epidemiology/EP
- Equipment And Supplies/ES
- Ethical Issues/EI
- Etiology/ET
- Evaluation/EV
- History/HI
- Legislation And Jurisprudence/LJ
- Methods/MT
- Prevention And Control/PC
- Psychosocial Factors/PF
- Risk Factors/RF
- Standards/ST
- Trends/TD
- Utilization/UT

Each two letter code represents a subheading, e.g. AN represents Analysis

Related Headings:
Security Enhancement (Iowa NIC)
Fall Prevention (Iowa NIC)
Surveillance: Safety (Iowa NIC)
Security Measures, Electronic Individual Safety (Saba CCC)

Used For:
Safety, Patient

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patient Safety			
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient Safety (nt Safety)			
Safety, Patient Use: Patient Safety			
<input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance: Safety (Iowa NIC)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Computerized Patient Record			
<input type="checkbox"/> Disease Transmission, Professional-to-Patient			
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient Record Systems			
<input type="checkbox"/> Obstetric Patients			
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Personnel as Patients			
<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Safety			
<input type="checkbox"/> Disease Transmission, Patient-to-Professional			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ventilator Patients			
<input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric Patients			
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient Selection			
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient Identification			
<input type="checkbox"/> patient safety (Search as Keyword)			

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Search Term: Patient Safety

Explode (+)

Major Concept

Clicking on “Advanced Search” brings you to this page

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost Advanced Search page. At the top, the search term "patient safety" is entered in the main search box. Below it, there are two additional search boxes, each with an "AND" dropdown and a "Select a Field (optional)" dropdown. The "Advanced Search" link is highlighted with an orange box. A green "Search" button is located to the right of the search boxes. An orange arrow points from the "Search" button down to the "Peer Reviewed" checkbox, which is also highlighted with an orange box. Another orange arrow points from a text box to the "Peer Reviewed" checkbox. The text box contains the text: "Choose as many search options as you like. Typically the more limits - the Narrower results." The "Limit your results" section includes various checkboxes for "Full Text", "Abstract Available", "Author", "English Language", "Research Article", and "Search Only Pre-CINAHL". There are also fields for "References Available", "Published Date" (Month and Year), and "Publication".

Searching: CINAHL Complete | Choose Databases

EBSCOhost

patient safety

MH Exact Subject Heading

Search

AND

Select a Field (optional)

AND

Select a Field (optional)

Basic Search **Advanced Search** Search History

Search Options

Search Modes and Ex

Search modes ?

- Boolean/Phrase
- Find all my search
- Find any of my search
- SmartText Search

Choose as many search options as you like. Typically the more limits - the Narrower results.

Limit your results

Full Text

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Author

English Language

Research Article

Search Only Pre-CINAHL

Apply related words

Also search within the full text of the articles

Apply equivalent subjects

References Available

Published Date

Month: Year: - Month: Year:

Publication

Peer Reviewed

Exclude Pre-CINAHL

Exclude MEDLINE records

Choose



Searching: **CINAHL Complete**

Suggest Subject Terms

(MH "Patient Safety")

Select a Field (optional) ▾

Search

AND ▾

Select a Field (optional) ▾

Clear ?

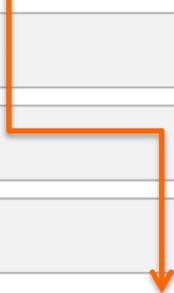
AND ▾

Select a Field (optional) ▾

+ -

[Basic Search](#) [Advanced Search](#) [Search History ▾](#)

Click on "Search History"



Search History/Alerts

[Print Search History](#) [Retrieve Searches](#) [Retrieve Alerts](#) [Save Searches / Alerts](#)

Select / deselect all [Search with AND](#) [Search with OR](#) [Delete Searches](#)



Search ID#	Search Terms	Search Options	Action
<input type="checkbox"/> S2	(MH "Patient Safety")	Limiters - Peer Reviewed Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	View Results (30,381)
<input type="checkbox"/> S1	(MH "Patient Safety")	Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	View Results (44,464)



This "Search History" shows the results of your current searching. S1 under "Search Options" just shows Boolean Phrase. S2 shows that you have also used a Limiter – Peer Reviewed. Notice the differences in the numbers located by "View results"



Searching: **CINAHL Complete** | [Choose Databases](#)

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(MH "Patient Safety")

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Search

AND ▾

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AND ▾

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[Basic Search](#) [Advanced Search](#) [Search History ▾](#)

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 [View Results](#) (30,381)

Search modes - Boolean/Phrase

S1  (MH "Patient Safety")

Search modes - Boolean/Phrase

 [View Results](#) (44,464)



You will probably need to create a smaller set of results.
Do this by: 1) Select Major Concept. 2) Use appropriate subheadings.
3) Combine search terms with AND. 4) Add more limits



Searching: **CINAHL Complete** | [Choose Databases](#)

Suggest Subject Terms

(MH "Patient Safety")

Select a Field (optional) ▾

Search

AND ▾

Clear the search box

Clear [?]

AND ▾

+ -

[Basic Search](#) [Advanced Search](#) [Search History](#) ▾

We want to find some articles on the topic **Patient safety** programs to reduce **accidental falls** in **hospital patients**.

This time we will look for articles with **Patient Safety** as a major concept.

Searching: **CINAHL Complete** | [Choose Databases](#)

Suggest Subject Terms

patient safety

Select a Field (optional) ▾

Search

AND ▾

Select a Field (optional) ▾

Clear



AND ▾

Select a Field (optional) ▾



[Basic Search](#) [Advanced Search](#) [Search History](#)

Results For: patient safety

↙ Check box to
view subheadings.

Click linked term
for tree view.



Patient Safety

These terms are unrelated to our topic, so we will ***not*** select “explode”

- [Patient Safety](#)
- [Adverse Health Care Event](#)
- [Adverse Drug Event](#)
- [Health Care Errors](#)
- Sentinel Event



Major Concept:
main focus of the
articles

Database

Results For: patient safety

Subheading:

Check box to view subheadings. | Click linked term for tree view.

Explode (+)	Major Concept	Scope
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patient Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Search Term	Explode (+)	Major Concept
Patient Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

- Include / Or select one subheadings search
- Adverse
- Analysis/AN 
- Classification/CL 

Hospital patients

Results For: hospital patients

↙ Check box to
view subheadings.

Click linked term
for tree view.

Hospital Patients **Use:** [Inpatients](#)

[Inpatients](#)

Combine searches in the search history with AND to create a more precise set of articles on your topic

Search History/Alerts

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Select / deselect all

Search with AND

Search with OR

Delete Searches

Search ID# **Search Terms**



S2



(MH "Inpatients")



S1



(MM "Patient Safety")

Third concept: Accidental Falls

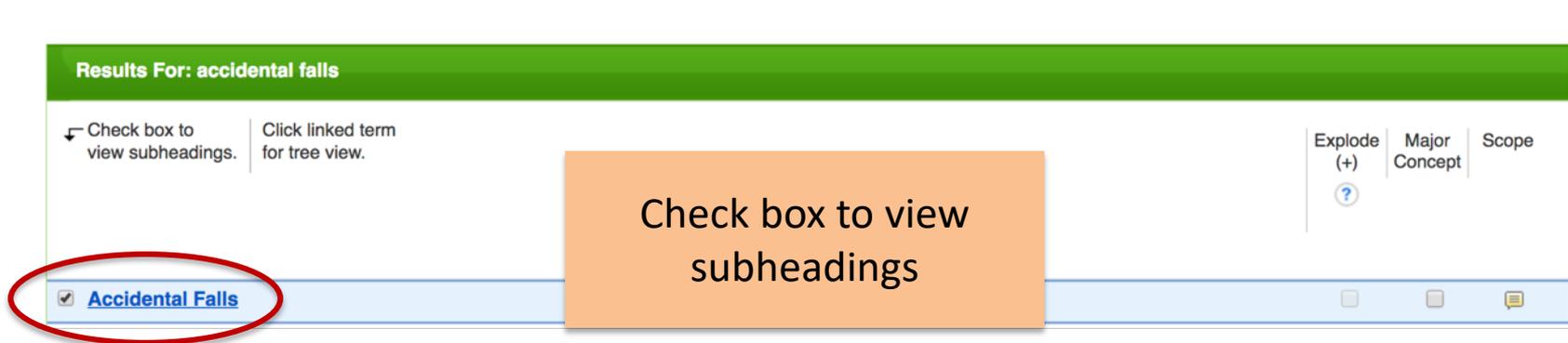
Results For: accidental falls

↙ Check box to view subheadings. | Click linked term for tree view.

Explode (+) | Major Concept | Scope

[Accidental Falls](#)

Check box to view subheadings



Subheadings for: Accidental Falls

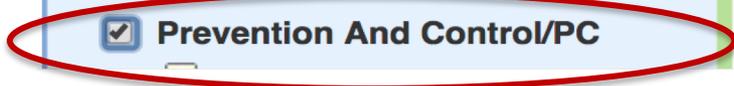
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- Etiology/ET**
- Evaluation/EV**
- History/HI**
- Legislation And Jurisprudence/LJ**
- Methods/MT**
- Prevention And Control/PC**

Search Term	Explode (+)	Major Concept
Accidental Falls /PC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 

Accidental Falls
Subheading: Prevention And Control



Search History

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ID#

Search Terms

Search Options

<input type="checkbox"/>	S4	 (MH "Accidental Falls/PC")	Search modes - Boolean/Phrase
<input type="checkbox"/>	S3	 S1 AND S2	Search modes - Boolean/Phrase
<input type="checkbox"/>	S2	 (MH "Inpatients")	Search modes - Boolean/Phrase
<input type="checkbox"/>	S1	 (MM "Patient Safety")	Search modes - Boolean/Phrase

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Add limits

Search Options

Reset

Search Modes and Expanders

Search modes [?](#)

- Boolean/Phrase
- Find all my search terms
- Find any of my search terms
- SmartText Searching [Hint](#)

Apply related words

Also search within the full text of the articles

Apply equivalent subjects

Limit your results

Full Text

Abstract Available

Author

English Language

Research Article

Search Only Pre-CINAHL

CE Module

References Available

Published Date

Month Year: 2012 – Month Year: 2018

Publication

Peer Reviewed

Exclude Pre-CINAHL

Exclude MEDLINE records

Evidence-Based Practice



Refine Results

Current Search

Boolean/Phrase:

S3 AND S4

Limiters

Published Date: 
20120101-20181231

English Language 

Peer Reviewed 

Limit To

- Full Text
- References Available
- Abstract Available

2012

Publication

2018

Date



Search Results: 1 - 50 of 55

Date Newest ▾

Page Options ▾

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1. Nurses' Reactions to Enclosure Beds.



Academic
Journal

(includes abstract) Kim, Caroline; MEDSURG Nursing, Mar/Apr2018; 27(2): 87-107. 6p. (Article - CEU, research, tables/charts) ISSN: 1092-0811

Subjects: Accidental Falls Prevention and Control; Patient Safety; Beds and Mattresses; Restraint, Physical Equipment and Supplies; Nursing Practice; Nursing Staff, Hospital; Nurse Attitudes



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Review:

This presentation showed you:

- Using Major Subject Heading
- Add subheading to subject heading
- Limits (peer reviewed, language, etc)
- Combining searches from the search history to create a precise search on a topic