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Comparing test searches in PubMed and Google Scholar[EC]

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APPENDIX

Search strategies

	Description	PubMed Strategy	Google Scholar Strategy
1	Topic: use of dietary supplements in the treatment of iron deficiency anemia	Anemia, Iron-Deficiency [MeSH] AND Dietary Supplements [MeSH]. Limited to English and 2002–2002.	"Dietary Supplements" {all of the words field, using quotes} and Iron Deficiency Anemia {exact phrase field}. 2002– 2002 {Date field}. Limited to Medicine, Pharmacology, and Veterinary Science subject area.
2	Topic: mobius syndrome	Mobius Syndrome [MAJR]. Limited to English, Human, and 2005–2005.	Mobius Syndrome {exact phrase field} and Human {at least one of the words field} and 2005–2005 {Date field}. Limited to Medicine, Pharmacology, Veterinary Science subject area, and English.
3	Topic: plasmapheresis treatment for waldenstrom macroglobulinemia	Waldenstrom Macroglobulinema/therapy [MAJR] AND Plasmapheresis [MeSH]. Limited to English, Human, and 2003–2005.	Advanced search option: Plasmapheresis Human {all words field} and Waldenstrom Macroglobulinemia {exact phrase field} and Therapy Treatment {at least one of the words field}. Limited to Medicine, Pharmacology, and Veterinary Science subject area. Limited to English and to 2003-2005.
4	Topic: using bupropion to aid in quitting smoking	Bupropion [MeSH] AND (Smoking [MeSH] OR Smoking Cessation [MeSH]). Limited to 1998–1998.	Bupropion {all of the words field} and Smoking {exact phrase field} and 1998–1998 {Date field}. Limited to Medicine, Pharmacology, and Veterinary Science subject area.
5	Journal/author: aj lusis in nature	Lusis AJ[au] AND Nature[ta]	AJ Lusis {author field} and Nature {Publication field}
6	Journal/title words: articles with the word ethics in the title published in annals of internal	Ann Intern Med [Journal:_jrid596] AND ethics [ti]. Limited to 2001–2006.	Ethics {all of the words field} and Annals of Internal Medicine {Publication field}.





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7 Journal/topic: articles about wine published in the new england journal of medicine Wine AND New England Journal of Medicine [ta]. Limited to 2005.

Selected a limit of Title of Article from drop-down menu. Limited to 2001-2006. Wine {all of the words field} and New England Journal of Medicine {Publication field}. Limited to 2005.

8 Article title: "alice in wonderland" syndrome and lilliputian hallucinations in a patient with a substance-related disorder.

Lilliputian AND Hallucinations. Limited to the Title field.

Lilliputian Hallucinations (all of the words field). Limited to word in the title of the article.

Ammonia {all of the words

Author/topic: articles by visek about ammonia.

Lanzavecchia A [au]. Limited to Publications Date from

2005-2006.

Visek [au] AND Ammonia.

field} and Visek {author field}. A Lanzavecchia {Author field}. Limited to the years 2005-2006. Limited to Medicine, Pharmacology, and Veterinary

10 Author: antonio lanzavecchia

Science subject area.