

# Searching CINAHL using EBSCOhost

Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature

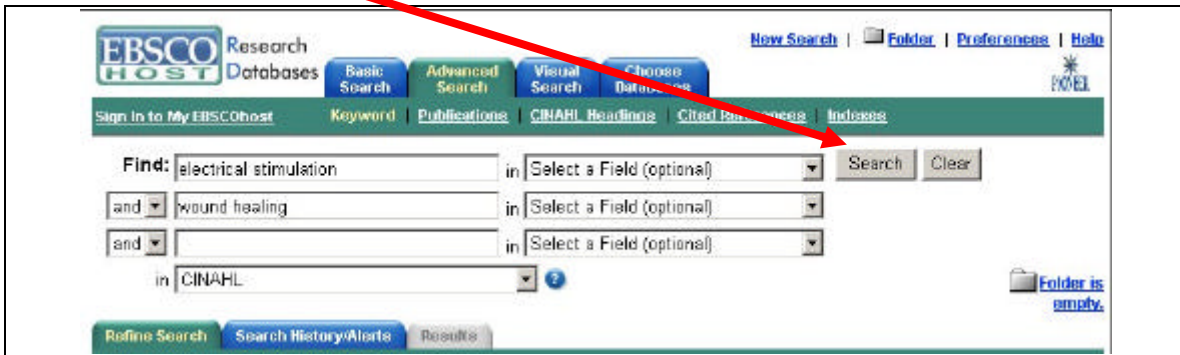


**Path:** From the Eccles Library home page: <http://library.med.utah.edu>  
Under **Knowledge Management** click on **CINAHL** link

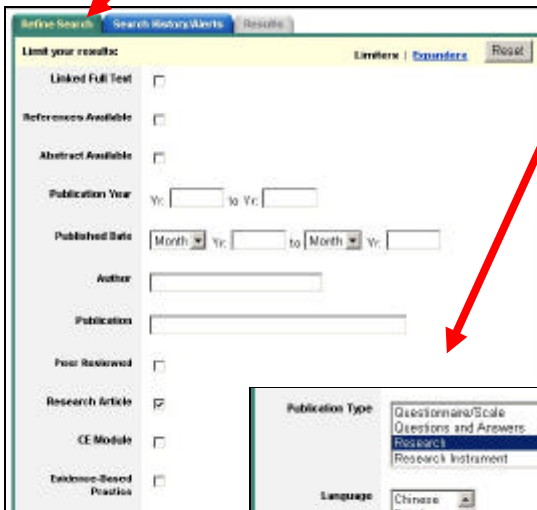
**Search Question:** Find **research** articles that discuss **electrical stimulation** and **wound healing**.

## 1. Advanced Search

- Type **electrical stimulation** in the **Find:** text box
- Type **wound healing** in the second text box
- Select the Boolean operator **AND** to request that both concepts be present in the retrieved citations
- Under **Refine Search**
  - Select **Research** from the **Publication Type** pull down menu
  - Select **English** from the **Language** pull down menu
- Continue to scroll down and note the other limit options. Gender, Age Related and Special Interest may be useful for future searches.
- **DO NOT** click on the **Full Text** option as there is limited full-text in CINAHL.
- Click on the **Search** button



Under the **Refine Search** tab, you can limit your results to a variety of features.

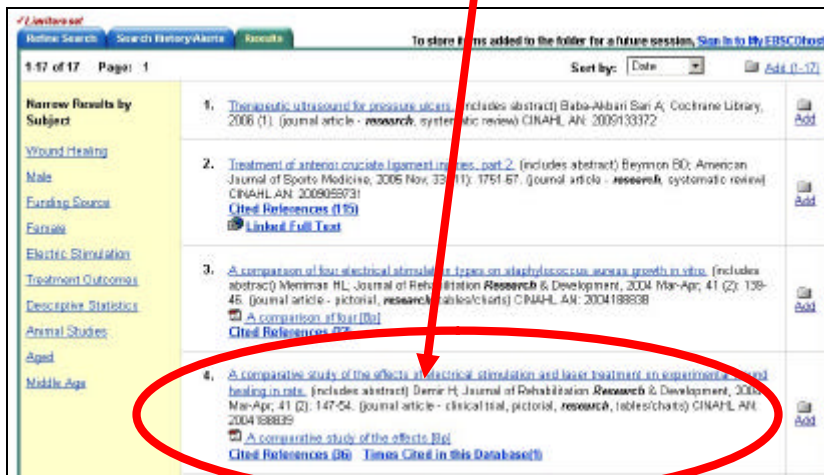


In this screen shot to the left

- Publication Type **Research** was selected
- Language **English** was selected.
- Click the **Search** button to engage selection



Under the **Results** tab, you can view a specific citation by clicking on the **title**.



**Other options:**  
From the left menu you can **Narrow Results by Subject**

This feature can be used to quickly refine the search or start with a broader subject.

### Individual Citation Record (Illustrated below)

- The **record** includes the article title, author(s), journal title, volume, issue and page numbers, and an abstract if available.
- There is a listing of **CINAHL headings and subheadings** that are helpful in formulating additional search strategies. Note appropriate CINAHL headings for your topic and experiment with different combinations of headings and text words. Indexers assign CINAHL headings to describe the intellectual content of a specific article. Learning the headings in your area of interest will result in more efficient and effective search results.
- Don't stop at one search strategy; try a variety of terms and term combinations. You can click on any CINAHL Heading to view a list of citations indexed to that specific term.
- Use the **Find More Like This** link to find similarly worded/indexed articles.
- Use the **Refine Search** button to enter a different search strategy.



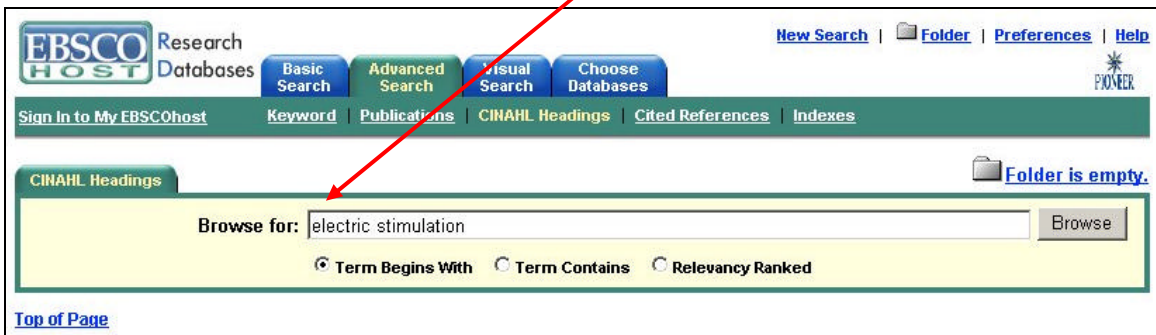
## CINAHL Headings

Evaluate the Major and Minor CINAHL Subjects headings that are associated with a record that matches your information need; you can improve search results by using the **CINAHL Headings** option.

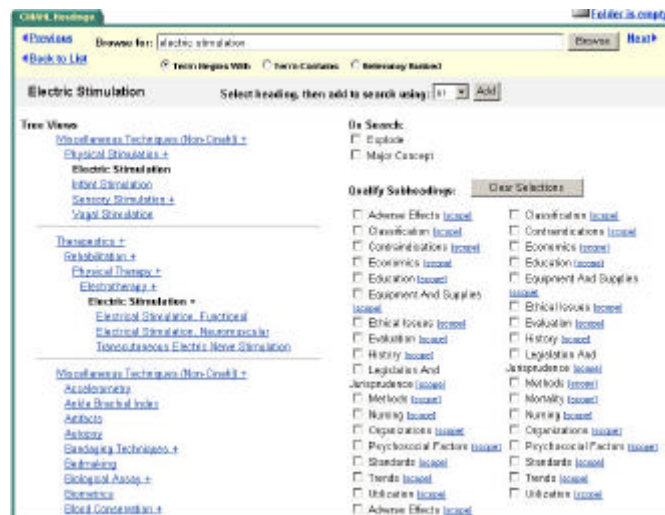
In the above search example we noted that **electric stimulation** is the preferred CINAHL Heading.



- Click the **CINAHL Headings** button at top of screen
- Type **electric stimulation** in CINAHL Headings **Browse for** text box
- Select the **Term Begins With** radio button
- Press the **Browse** button



- From list of CINAHL Headings, click **electric stimulation**
- The screen shot below displays information related to the term **Electric Stimulation**.
  - **Tree Views** of boarder and narrower terms (if any)
  - **Qualify Subheadings** that can be used to further define and focus your search. (You can select as many qualifiers as you want; if you don't select any, it searches all.)
  - **Major Concept** box to focus retrieval
  - **Explode** to include narrower concepts
  - **Scope** note (definition of the term selected)
  - **Related Headings**
- For this search select **Major Concept**, **Explode**, no qualifiers. Then click the **Search** button.



Click on the **RefineSearch** tab to apply limits:

- Publication Type - **Research**
- Language - **English**

At this point you will want to spend time evaluating the citations.

**FYI: other Refine Search options**

The Search Options tab allows you to further **Limit your results** by . . .

- **Linked Full Text**
- **References Available**
- **Abstract Available**
- **Publication Year**
- **Published Date**
- **Author**
- **Publication** (journal title)
- **Peer Reviewed**
- **Evidence-Based Practice**
- **Journal Subset**
- **Publication Type**
- **Language**
- **Gender**
- **Age Groups**
- **Special Interest**

Explore these various options and make appropriate selections.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. What happens to the number of citations retrieved when you limit to the **Special Interest Physical Therapy**? What are the advantages and disadvantages of doing this kind of limit?
2. What other **Publication Type** limits might you want to try with this search?
3. How does applying this limit(s) effect search retrieval?

Do not hesitate to try different search strategies! In fact, you will be more successful if you are open to exploring different combinations of terms and limits.

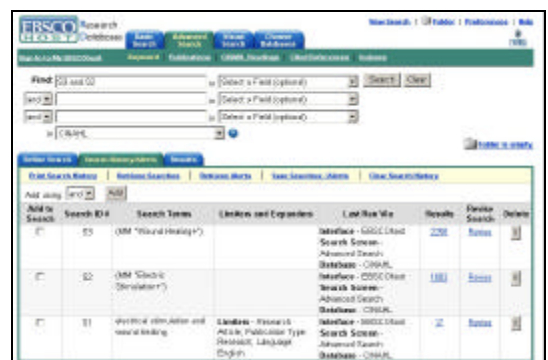
**Add another CINAHL heading to your search.**

- Click on the **CINAHL Headings** button
- Type **wound healing** in the text box, select **Term Begins With** radio button and click **Browse**
- The CINAHL headings screen displays
- Click on **Wound healing**
- Select **Explode** and **Major Concept**
  - **Explode** means that the narrower concepts that are displayed below the concept wound healing will be included in the search. In this case there are a number of narrower concepts. Use **Explode** to be more comprehensive and include more citations.
- After making your selections, click on the **Search** button.

**Search History/Alerts Tab**

Click the **Search History/Alerts** tab to view previously entered search strategies and to combine or recombine search statements. (See example to the right.)

- Click the **Search History/Alerts** Tab to see a list of search statements
- Click on the **Clear** button
- In the **Add to Search** column on the left, check appropriate boxes
- From the **Add using** pull down menu select **and**
- Click on the **Add** button
- Click on the **Search** button



## Print Manager

- Make choices appropriate to your needs
- Click the **Print** button
- Use the Browser's print option; from the **File** menu select **Print**

Print Manager

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Articles

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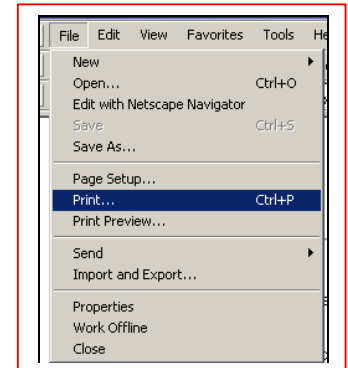
Standard Field Format

Detailed Citation and Abstract

Citation Format

APA (American Psychological Ass...)

Customized Field Format



## Save Manager

- Make choices appropriate to your needs.
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- Use the Browser's save option; from the **File** menu select **Save**

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Include when saving:

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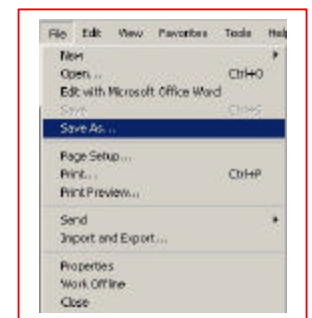
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AMA (American Medical Assoc.)

Customized Field Format



- EBSCOhost CINAHL allows you to save your citations in a format appropriate for a Bibliographic Program such as **EndNote**. Use the **Bibliographic Manager** tab.
- Be sure to save as a plain text file using the .txt extension. For example **filename.txt**
- Or use the **Citations in Direct Export format**

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Include when saving:

Citations in a format that can be uploaded to bibliographic management software.

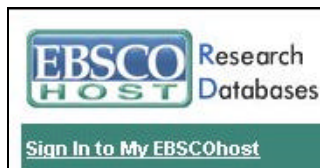
Citations in Direct Export format

Direct Export to RefWorks.

## E-mail Manager

- In the E-mail Manager, enter your email address and subject, make appropriate choices for your needs and then click on the **Send** button. You should receive a text file shortly in your email.

## My EBSCOhost



After setting up for an EBSCOhost account, you can save search results, persistent links to searches, search history and alerts, journal alerts and web pages to your personal area. All items are saved in a folder that only you can access. The **Sign In to My EBSCOhost** link allows users to **Retrieve Searches**; **Retrieve Alerts**; and **Save Searches/Alerts**.

### Process for Creating an Account

- Click on **I'm a new user**
- Fill in the **Create a new account** form
- Click the **Submit** button
- Remember your account information for future reference

### Login to your Account

- Click on the **Sign In to My EBSCOhost** link
- Enter your **User Name** and **Password**
- Click on the **Login** button

### Save Searches/Alert

- Perform a search that you want to save
- Click on the **Save Searches/Alerts** tab
- Give the search a name and description
- Decide if this is a permanent or temporary save or Alert
- Click the **Save** button

### Retrieve Searches and Alerts

- Click on the **Save Searches/Alerts** tab
- Click on **Retrieve Alerts**
- View or refine search results

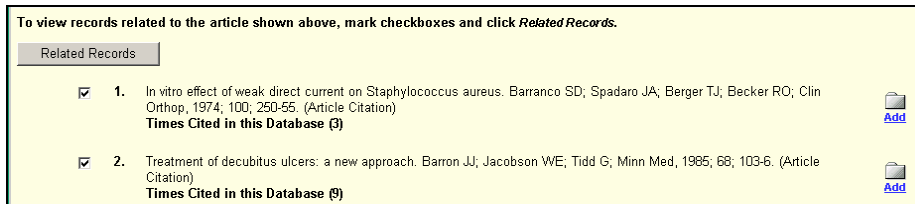
## Cited References

While reviewing search **Results**, citations that include article references at the end of the paper display a linked notation indicating **Cited References (##)**. Click on the cited references link to see a list of references that appear at the end of the article.



The screenshot shows a search results interface with two entries. The first entry is titled "A comparison of four electrical stimulation types on staphylococcus aureus growth in vitro" and includes a link for "Cited References (32)". A red arrow points to this link. The second entry is titled "A comparative study of the effects of electrical stimulation and laser treatment on experimental wound healing in rats" and includes a link for "Cited References (6)".

The **Cited References** tab presents a list of records related to the original article. To view records related to the article, mark checkboxes and click **Related Records**.

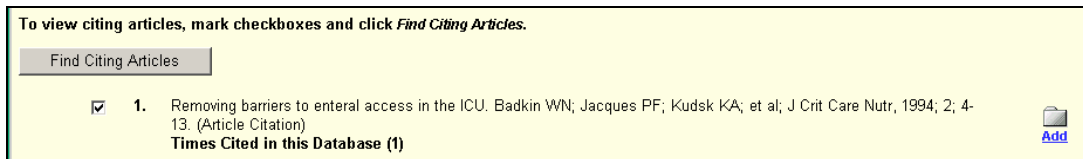


The screenshot shows the "Related Records" tab with two entries. Each entry has a checked checkbox, a title, a citation, and an "Add" button. The first entry is "In vitro effect of weak direct current on Staphylococcus aureus" and the second is "Treatment of decubitus ulcers: a new approach".

## Search for Cited References

Click the **Cited References** button in the green features bar; fill in the template with appropriate information and click the **Search** button.

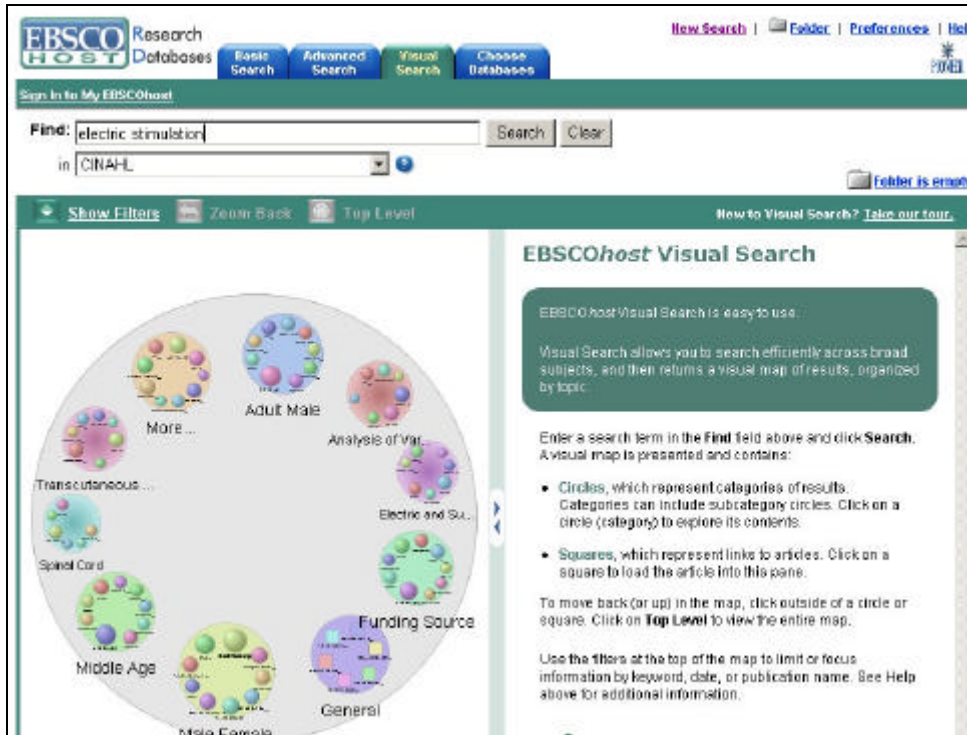
You can view citing articles by marking the checkboxes to the left of the reference number and clicking the **Find Citing Articles** button. The resulting list displays a journal article(s) that cites the reference you entered into the cited references template.



The screenshot shows the "Find Citing Articles" tab with one entry. It has a checked checkbox, a title, a citation, and an "Add" button. The entry is "Removing barriers to enteral access in the ICU".

## EBSCOhost Visual Search

Visual Search is a new feature of the CINAHL database.  
Give it a try.



The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost interface for a Visual Search. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Visual Search', and 'Choose Databases'. The search bar contains the text 'electric stimulation' and is set to search in the 'CINAHL' database. Below the search bar, there are buttons for 'Show Filters', 'Zoom Back', and 'Top Level'. The main content area features a circular visual map of search results. The map is divided into several categories, each represented by a cluster of colored circles and squares. The categories visible are 'Adult Male', 'Analysis of Var...', 'Electric and Sa...', 'Funding Source', 'General', 'Middle Age', 'Spinal Cord', and 'Transcutaneous...'. A sidebar on the right provides instructions on how to use the visual search feature.

**EBSCOhost Visual Search**

EBSCOhost Visual Search is easy to use.

Visual Search allows you to search efficiently across broad subjects, and then returns a visual map of results, organized by topic.

Enter a search term in the **Find** field above and click **Search**. A visual map is presented and contains:

- Circles, which represent categories of results. Categories can include subcategory circles. Click on a circle (category) to explore its contents.
- Squares, which represent links to articles. Click on a square to load the article into this pane.

To move back (or up) in the map, click outside of a circle or square. Click on **Top Level** to view the entire map.

Use the **filters** at the top of the map to limit or focus information by keyword, date, or publication name. See **Help** above for additional information.

### About CINAHL

CINAHL®, the Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature, provides indexing and abstracting for over 1,600 current nursing and allied health journals and publications dating back to 1982 and contains over 700,000 records. Offering complete coverage of English-language nursing journals and publications from the National League for Nursing and the American Nurses' Association, this database covers nursing, biomedicine, health sciences librarianship, alternative/complementary medicine, consumer health and 17 allied health disciplines. In addition, CINAHL offers access to health care books, nursing dissertations, selected conference proceedings, standards of practice, educational software, audiovisuals and book chapters. CINAHL is now a "full text database". This database also provides full text for 56 journals plus legal cases, clinical innovations, critical paths, drug records, research instruments, clinical trials.