CINAHL Subheading, Publication Types, and Limiting Information

The *Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature* (CINAHL) uses controlled vocabulary for indexing. This guide lists (1) current subheadings that can be used in conjunction with subject headings, (2) document types that can be used to limit a search, and (3) a full list and explanation of available limits. More information on the use of these subheadings and limits can be found in online help in the CINAHL database. Additional assistance is available from Mulford Reference Assistance (419-383-4218, *refdesk@meduohio.edu*, or *http://www.meduohio.edu/lib/resources.html*.

CINAHL Subheadings

To the right of each subheading is the two-character abbreviation. Not all subheadings can be used with all subject headings; **administration & dosage** can apply to drugs but not nursing protocols. Year of introduction is given for subheadings added after 1982. Free-floating subheadings can be searched using the MJ (major subject) or MW (all subjects) fields. For example: *MJ microbiology* or *MJ "mi"* with quotes. For more information, contact Mulford Reference Assistance.

Abnormalities (83; AB)
Administration (AM)
Administration & Dosage (AD)
Adverse Effects (AE)
Analogs & Derivatives (92; AA)
Analysis (AN)
Anatomy & Histology (83; AH)
Antagonists & Inhibitors (85; AI)
Blood (99; BL)
Blood Supply (02; BS)
Cerebrospinal Fluid (04; CF)
Chemically Induced (83; CI)
Classification (83; CL)
Complications (83; CO)
Contraindications (93; CT)
Deficiency (98; DF)
Diagnosis (DI)

Diagnostic Use (92; DU)
Diet Therapy (83; DH)
Drug Effects (83; DE)
Drug Therapy (DT)
Economics (83; EC)
Education (ED)
Embryology (97; EM)
Epidemiology (91; EP)
Equipment & Supplies (ES)
Ethical Issues (98; EI)
Ethnology (96; EH)
Etiology (83; ET)
Evaluation (EV)
Familial & Genetic (90; GE)
History (HI)
Immunology (99; IM)
Injuries (IN)
Innervation (IR)

Legislation & Jurisprudence (LJ)
Manpower (83; MA)
Metabolism (92; ME)
Methods (83; MT)
Microbiology (97; MI)
Mortality (95; MO)
Nursing (84; NU)
Organizations (83; OG)
Pathology (95; PA)
Pharmacodynamics (87; PD)
Pharmacokinetics (00; PK)
Physiology (PH)
Physiopathology (PP)
Poisoning (84; PO)
Prevention & Control (83; PC)
Prognosis (96; PR)
Psychosocial Factors (83; PF)

Radiation Effects (92; RE)
Radiography (83; RA)
Radiotherapy (83; RT)
Rehabilitation (83; RH)
Risk Factors (01; RF)
Standards (83; ST)
Surgery (83; SU)
Symptoms (96; SS)
Therapeutic Use (84; TU)
Therapy (83; TH)
Transmission (87; TM)
Transplantation (83; TR)
Trends (83; TD)
Ultrasonography (92; US)
Urine (99; UR)
Utilization (83; UT)

CINAHL Publication Types

Year of introduction is given for document types added after 1983. Select desired publication types from the drop-down menu on the Refine Search tab. To search a publication type, you can also enter a search such as *PT interview*.

Abstract (92)
Accreditation (97)
Algorithm (95)
Anecdote
Audiovisual (93)
Bibliography
Biography (85)
Book (85)
Book chapter (93)
Brief item (95)
Care plan
Cartoon (95)
Case study
CEU (85)
Classification term (98)
Clinical innovations (97)
Clinical trial (98)
Code of ethics (98)
Commentary

Computer program (86)
Consumer patient
   teaching materials (97)
Corrected article (93)
Critical path (95)
Diagnostic images (97)
Directories (96)
Doctoral dissertation (90)
Drugs (98)
Editorial
Equations formulas (97)
Exam questions
Forms
Games (97)
Glossary (96)
Historical material (92)
Interview (85)
Journal article
Journal description (98)

Legal cases (97)
Letter (91)
Masters thesis (98)
Nurse practice acts (96)
Nursing diagnoses (88)
Nursing interventions (94)
Obituary (85)
Other
Overall (95)
Pamphlet (85)
Pamphlet chapter (93)
Pictorial
Poetry (96)
Practice acts (97)
Practice guidelines (97)
Proceedings (92)
Protocol (84)
Questionnaire scale

Questions and answers
   (00)
Research
Research instrument (95)
Research term definition
   (01)
Response
Review (88)
Software (92)
Standards (92)
Statistics
Systematic review (98)
Tables charts (85)
Teaching materials
Tracings (95)
Website (98)

Before or after running a search, it can be limited by selecting options under the **Refine Search** tab. Limiting *will never* result in a larger set of records.

EBSCO Full Text	Limits to articles that are available full text in the EBSCOhost databases. Note that the Medical University has access to many more online journals that just those from EBSCOhost. This option is **not recommended** because it limits the search too much and may exclude relevant references.
Abstract Available	Limits to references that have a summary. This may exclude relevant references, so it is not recommended.
Publication Year	Limits by the year(s) of publication
Author	Limits by author name
Journal Title	Limits by journal title; this is a keyword search of the journal titles, so it may not limit as much as expected.
Peer-reviewed	Limits to references from peer-reviewed publications
CE module	Limits to continuing education modules available from CINAHL. To get to the CE module, view the record and click on the link beside **CE Module**.
EBP	Limits to references which have **Evidence-Based Practice** as a special interest descriptor
Publication date	Limits by publication date (month/year)
Journal subset	Limits to a subset of journals: geographical (AFRICA, ASIA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, CANADA, EUROPE, MEXICO AND CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA, UK AND IRELAND, USA); topical (ALLIED HEALTH, ALTERNATIVE/COMPLEMENTARY THERAPY, BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES, BIOMEDICAL, COMPUTER/INFORMATION SCIENCE, CONSUMER HEALTH, CORE NURSING, HEALTH PROMOTION/EDUCATION, HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, INFORMATION SCIENCE, NURSING, ONLINE, ONLINE/PRINT, PEER-REVIEWED and PUBLIC HEALTH); and review status (BLIND PEER-REVIEWED, DOUBLE-BLIND PEER-REVIEWED, DOUBLE-BLIND REVIEW, EDITORIAL-BOARD REVIEWED, EXPERT PEER-REVIEWED, PEER-REVIEWED).
Publication Types	Limits to references of specific type(s). See the front of this guide for a list of the available publication types.
Language	Limits to one or more languages: AFRIKAANS, CHINESE, ENGLISH, FINNISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, HUNGARIAN, ITALIAN, JAPANESE, NORWEGIAN, PORTUGUESE, SPANISH, and SWEDISH. Non-English language articles have been included in CINAHL since 1994.
Gender	Limits to references which refer to either one or both sexes.
Pregnancy	Limits to references on pregnancy and pregnant women
Inpatients	Limts to references on inpatients
Outpatients	Limits to references on outpatients
Age Groups	Limits to references that deal with particular age(s) of human. Limits include FETUS, NEWBORN INFANT (BIRTH TO 1 MONTH), INFANT (1-23 MONTHS), PRESCHOOL CHILD (2-5 YEARS), CHILD (6-12 YEARS), ADOLESCENCE (13-18 YEARS), ADULT (19-44 YEARS), MIDDLE AGE (45-64 YEARS), AGED (65-79 YEARS), AGED 80 AND OVER. At the end of the list, there are multigroup headings: ALL INFANT, ALL CHILD, and ALL ADULT. PREGNANCY is a separate limit.
Special Interests	Focuses the search to a particular area: ADVANCED-NURSING-PRACTICE , CASE MANAGEMENT, CHIROPRACTIC, CONSUMER HEALTH, CRITICAL, DENTAL, EMERGENCY, EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE, GERONTOLOGIC, HOME HEALTH, HOSPICE/PALLIATIVE, INFORMATICS, MENS-HEALTH, MILITARY/UNIFORMED SERVICES, NURSING ADMINISTRATION, NURSING EDUCATION, NURSING LANGUAGE/CLASSIFICATION, NUTRITION, OBSTETRIC, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, ONCOLOGIC, PAIN & PAIN MANAGEMENT, PATIENT SAFETY PEDIATRIC, PERIOPERATIVE, PHYSICAL THERAPY, PSYCHIATRY/PSYCHOLOGY, PUBLIC HEALTH, QUALITY ASSURANCE, SOCIAL WORK, SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY/AUDIOLOGY, SPORTS MEDICINE, WOMENS-HEALTH, WOUND CARE.
References Available	Limits to references that have cited references in the database