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MD Consult is a Web-based resource that provides access to the full text of over fifty medical journals (including the *Clinics* and *Yearbooks*), over 50 reference textbooks, about 500 practice guidelines, drug information for over thirteen thousand medications, and value-added current awareness features. The Library subscribes to the MD Consult Core Collection, which covers a wide range of medical specialties.

General Information

- MD Consult can be accessed through the Library's Web page (*http://www.utoledo.edu /library/mulford/index.html*). Click on **Full-Text Resources**, then **MD Consult**. We have a limited number of user licenses for MD Consult. If you cannot access it, try again in about 10-15 minutes.

- There are two options for MD Consult: generic and personal. When in the Mulford Library, you will be sent directly to the generic edition. When in your office, feel free to use either option. For more information about setting up the personal account, see the end of this guide.

- If assistance is needed, ask a library staff member. From home or office, contact Mulford Reference Assistance at 419-383-4218, *MulfordReference@utoledo.edu*, or *http://www.utoledo.edu/library/mulford/resources.html* (online chat). Additionally, Context-sensitive online help is available by clicking on the **Help** option within MD Consult.

- When you are done using MD Consult, please click on the **Exit** link at the top right-hand corner of the page.

Overview of the MD Consult Sections

Books   Over 50 reference text books are included in MD Consult, covering topics from general internal medicine, to specialties ranging from allergy and immunology, to urology. These reference book resources can be searched simultaneously or browsed individually.

Articles   Use MD Consult to search citations from the National Library of Medicine (NLM). In addition, full-text access is provided to over 80 serials (journals, the *Clinics,* and the *Yearbook* series).

The coverage of full-text journal articles varies by title, with the earliest coverage going back to 1995. The full text of the *Clinics* series covers 1996 – present

Access to the full-text serials is only available by searching. Due to licensing restrictions, direct browsing is not available. Using field qualifiers, however, searches can be issued for a particular journal title. See **Advanced Searching** below.

Because the MD Consult MEDLINE relies upon text word searching, it is not appropriate for sophisticated and complex searching. For a comprehensive search of the journal literature, search OhioLINK MEDLINE or PubMed, available from the Library's Web page.

The Clinics Provides access to full text comprehensive clinical reviews from the series *The Clinics of North America.* Coverage by specialty area includes diagnosis ,therapy, new materials, and new equipment.

Drugs From Gold Standard's *Clinical Pharmacology*. This resource includes drug listings by indication, contraindication, and adverse reactions. FDA Approvals and Safety Notices are added when announced by the FDA or drug manufacturer.

News Provides concise clinical summaries on new developments from all major journals, government agencies, and medical conferences along with medical news supplied by Elsevier. Includes a variety of current awareness features: medical news from Reuters, summaries of key articles from issues of current medical journals, and news arranged by specialty.

Patient Education Nearly 10,000 Patient education handouts from the American Academy of Family Physicians, DynoMed.com, Elsevier, McKesson Clinical Reference Systems, and A.D.A.M., Inc. They are printable and can be customized with notes and patient instructions.

Images Over 50,000 images may be searched and compared.

CME To access the CME modules, you need to be logged into a personal account (free to Medical University faculty, staff, and students). Offers over 200 modules to earn category 1 credit across fifteen medical specialties. NOTE: The CME modules are made available from CyberRounds. For more information about obtaining CME credit for these activities, including any associated charges, read the online documentation.

Searching MD Consult

MD Consult provides two text word search options: all MD Consult resources simultaneously or by a single type of resource (reference books, journal articles, practice guidelines, patient information, drug information, and clinics). Each option provides the same topic searching capability; some options provide additional search options.

MD Consult relies upon text word searching. This means that you should consider synonyms and spelling variations when you search.

Unlike some versions of MEDLINE, the MD Consult search feature does not create separate sets to combine. To develop complex searches, use the search fields and the Boolean operators. There are three available operators:

AND Use AND to retrieve items that have both search terms in common. This will restrict the search, always retrieving fewer items. Example: *hypertension and treatments*

OR Use OR to retrieve items that have either one term or the other term or both terms. Typically OR is used between synonyms to broaden the search. Example: *hypertension or high blood pressure*

NOT Use NOT to retrieve items with the first term but not the second search. Example: *cervical NOT uterus*

Additional search options are available when searching the journal literature, the clinical series, and practice guidelines.

Journal Literature	Practice Guidelines	Clinical Series
o Author search option o Limit by journal name o Limit by date	o Author search option o Limit by journal name o Limit by date	Please note that **Clinical Series** limits include the same limits as **Journal Literature** plus a clinic name search option

For a step-by-step guide to searching in MD Consult, see the *Step-by-Step Searching in MD Consult* help sheet.

Accessing Full Text

Items with the full text available are clearly indicated with one or more links (**Full Text** or **PDF**). Click on the icon to retrieve the full text. Currently, the full text of serial articles (journals and Clinics) are largely available in HTML. When you have a choice between Full Text and PDF, select PDF.

Printing from MD Consult

For many articles, there will be two print options. The first is Full Text (HTML format). To print this format, select the **Full Text** icon. Next, go to the **Print version** icon, above and to the right of the article title. Click on **Print Page**.

The second print option is PDF. To print the PDF, select the **PDF** icon. (Before you hit print, always check the **Print Range** option to ensure that you are printing what you want, not the entire book!). Then click on the Print icon in the toolbar directly above the article.

Setting up the MD Consult Personal Edition

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