

Worksheet for Organizing MEDLINE Searches

Jot down a general description of your question, what you want to know or look into:

1. What is/are your main topic(s)—possible MeSH terms?
 (i.e. osteoporosis, Medicare, hydrochlorothiazide, colposcopy, tinnitus, dialysis, etc.)

2. What type of question is this or information do you want? (Subheadings) ✓

administration and dosage	diagnostic use	legislation and jurisprudence	radiation effects
adverse effects	diet therapy	manpower	radiography
agonists	drug therapy	metabolism	radionuclide imaging
analogs and derivatives	economics	methods	radiotherapy
analysis	education	microbiology	rehabilitation
antagonists and inhibitors	embryology	mortality	standards
blood	enzymology	nursing	statistics and numerical data
cerebrospinal fluid	epidemiology	organization and administration	supply and distribution
chemical synthesis	ethics	parasitology	surgery
chemically induced	ethnology	pathology	therapeutic use
chemistry	etiology	pharmacokinetics	therapy
classification	genetics	pharmacology	toxicity
complications	history	physiology	trends
congenital	imaging	physiopathology	ultrasonography
contraindications	immunology	poisoning	urine
diagnosis	instrumentation	prevention and control	utilization
	isolation and purification	psychology	veterinary
			virology

Limiting Your Search

1. What kind of article would you like to find? clinical trial, editorial, letter, review, RCT, guideline, meta-analysis, other _____
2. What population would you need to limit to? humans , age _____, gender _____
3. How recent an article do you want? 2 yrs 5 yrs 10 yrs historic
 (Full text is available only from roughly 1996-1998 on)