



Literature Searching with Medline

Wednesday 8th September 2010, 10am - 4pm

A combination of demonstrations & hands-on practical sessions using the biomedical database Medline. The day will start at an introductory level and work up to advanced searches

Course Outline:

This course looks in detail at how to carry out a literature search in the biomedical database Medline. This course will take you from the basics to advanced searching techniques in one day. Participants will build and refine a search of their own during the course. The session will use the Ovid interface, available through NHS Knowledge Network.

Topics will include:

- Introduction to Medline
- Preparing and refining a search strategy
- MeSH subject headings, including Focus, Explode and subheadings
- Boolean and adjacency searching
- Truncation and wildcards
- Displaying and saving results
- Accessing full text of articles

Participants are asked to bring an existing search or topic of interest as participants will be working on their own search topics throughout the course.

Who will benefit from this course?

Anyone working in health or medicine who wants to carry out literature searches.

By the end of this course you will be able to:

Use both basic and advanced searching techniques to build and refine an effective Medline search strategy.

Course prerequisites:

Basic computer skills are required. People with existing knowledge of Medline are welcome, but should be aware that both basic and advanced levels will be covered during the day. Participants will be using Medline on the day, so must ensure they have password access, for example through the NHS or HE. If you work for or with the NHS, you can register with the Knowledge Network at <http://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/login.aspx>.

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Course fee: £60

Venue: The Medical Education Centre, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh

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