

## Index to Chiropractic Literature Search Tips

<http://www.chiroindex.org>

### **Search Tip # 1: Search Boxes**

From the pull-down menus beside the search boxes, type words or phrases in the default *All Fields*, or limit your search to specific fields.

### **Search Tip # 2: Boolean Operators**

Select AND, OR, or NOT from the pull-down menus to combine terms typed in the search boxes.

### **Search Tip # 3: Phrases in Quotation Marks**

Use quotation marks to retrieve phrases in any field.

Examples: "low back pain", "future of chiropractic"

### **Search Tip # 4: Searching by Author**

Click on a specific name in the *Online Author Index* to place it in a search box, or enter author last name in the pull-down *Author* field.

### **Search Tip # 5: Searching by Subject**

Click on terms in the *Online Subject Index* to place them in the search boxes, or enter a subject word or phrase ("in quotation marks") in the pull-down *Subject Keyword* field. A word or phrase entered in the *Subject Keyword* field retrieves all *Subject Headings* containing that word or phrase.

### **Search Tip # 6: Wildcards**

Use an asterisk (wildcard) to retrieve all forms of a word (also called truncation).

Example: injur\* retrieves injury, injured, injuries

### **Search Tip # 7: Search History**

ICL automatically creates a search history. Click the *Search History* tab, check relevant search statements, then combine them using AND, OR, or NOT from the pull-down menu.

### **Search Tip # 8: Limiters**

Limit searches by journal, year of publication, peer review or publication type. Limit before searching.

### **Search Tip # 9: Hold Citations - New Feature!**

To collect citations during a search session, check the ones you want to keep from your search results, and then click *Hold Citations*. Click the tab *Held Citations* to view your collection. You may then *Display Abstracts*, *List*, *Print*, *Download* or *E-mail* all or part of your collection.

### **Search Tip # 10: Web Links and Abstracts**

Links to journal articles (sometimes full text) or PubMed records are provided where available. ICL includes abstracts where available, with the permission of the journal publishers.