

## ICL Search Tips

Please read the search tips below to maximize your use of ICL. The pages in [ICL's Help](#) section will provide further assistance in searching ICL and in literature searching in general. If you don't find the answers you need, send us a message through our [Contact Us](#) form.

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### ~ My ICL ~

[Register an account](#) in *My ICL* in order to save search histories (*My Searches*) and collections of records (*My Collections*).

- \* **Save ICL records:** Select citations from *Search Results* or from *Hold Citations*; click *Send to My Collections*.
  - \* **Save search histories:** In the *Search History* tab, select search statements; click *Send to My Searches*.
  - \* **Set up e-mailed alerts:** When you save a search you are prompted to set up alerts that match your searches; you can even choose the day and frequency of e-mailed alerts.
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### ~ Simple Search ~

- \* Type multiple words in the search box to do a Google-type search. The Boolean operator AND automatically connects the terms. Example: the search *neck pain Côté* retrieves articles on neck pain by author Côté.
  - \* Use quotation marks to retrieve phrases. *Examples:* "low back pain", "future of chiropractic"
  - \* Use an asterisk (wildcard) to retrieve all forms of a word (also called truncation). *Example:* chiropract\* retrieves chiropractic, chiropractor, chiropractors
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### ~ Advanced Search ~

- \* 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.
- \* **Author searches:** Click on a specific name in the *Author Index* to place it in a search box, or enter author last name in the pull-down *Author* field.
- \* **Subject searches:** Click on terms in the *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.  
You may also search for subject headings and their definitions in ICL's thesaurus, [Chiropractic Subject Headings \(ChiroSH\)](#).
- \* **Limiters:** Limit searches by journal, year of publication, peer review or publication type. Limit before searching.  
*Note:* Non peer reviewed citations include book reviews, letters, and most editorials.
- \* **Search histories:** 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. To save your search history, click on the *Search History* tab, select the search statements, and click *Send to My Searches*.
- \* **Managing search results:** To collect citations during a search session, check the ones you want to keep from your search results, 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. You may also send your collection to *My Collections* in *My ICL* and save it permanently.
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