



How to Search the British Nursing Index (BNI)

This guide introduces you to the main processes in using Ovid Online to search the British Nursing Index database (demonstrating an example search for articles on infection control in intensive care).

British Nursing Index (**BNI**) is a nursing and midwifery database, covering over 200 UK journals and other English language titles. Produced by a partnership of UK libraries serving nurses, it is an excellent nursing database for UK journals, and provides original abstracts for every reference included since January 2004 (75,000+ records in total, 9,000+ added annually).

How to Access British Nursing Index (BNI)

- ◆ Go to the Learning Resources homepage (<http://www.lr.mdx.ac.uk>) and select **Electronic Resources**
- ◆ Click on the **Databases** option
- ◆ Scroll down the alphabetical list of databases and click on **BNI (1985 onwards)**
- ◆ Click on [Take me to the Middlesex University login page](#)
- ◆ When logging-on via the University's Electronic Resources **Login Page** for the first time on a Computer you will need to click on the provided link in order to set up an '**Institutional Cookie**'
- ◆ Log-in with your **Electronic Resources** Username and Password (for further guidance refer to the helpsheet on **Athens: Accessing Electronic Resources**)
- ◆ Once you have successfully logged in, click Continue on the Ovid News page for a list of the Ovid databases
- ◆ Click on the link for the relevant period of **British Nursing Index** (e.g. British Nursing Index 1994 to August 2007)

Searching British Nursing Index (BNI)

BNI works best if you break your search down into different concepts and search for them individually

For example, a search on *infection control in intensive care* would involve

- ◆ A Search on *infection control* ('Search 1') followed by
- ◆ A Search on *intensive care* ('Search 2') followed by
- ◆ Combining 'Search 1' and 'Search 2' to provide references to articles regarding *infection control* and *intensive care*

Main Search Page / Advanced Search

BNI opens by default into its 'Advanced Search' Option

BNI's '**Basic Search**' Option looks for keywords within the references (therefore you may obtain results which are not primarily about the subject that you are searching for)

The '**Advanced Search**' option uses **Subject Headings** to improve the quality and precision of your search

Using Subject Headings helps you to search for a subject using a single, well-defined, search term (searching with precision and covering the various alternative terms that authors may use)

For example, searching using the subject heading Infection Control will also search for related terms, such as aseptic technique, barrier nursing, cross infection, hand washing, isolation nursing, sterilisation etc

1. Type the words 'infection control' into the keyword / phrase search box

2. Make sure that this box is ticked

3. Click on 'SEARCH'

Selecting a Subject Heading

BNI will match your search term to the subject heading 'Smoking Cessation'

Include All Subheadings
Combine selections with: [CONTINUE >>](#)

Select	Subject Heading	Explode	Scope
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Infection Control</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I
<input type="checkbox"/>	infection control.mp. search as Keyw...		

Click on the underlined subject heading Infection Control to check the subject tree for related terms

Remember: When using subject headings, your search results will include references that have used alternative terms for infection control (E.g. in the case of the subject heading Infection Control, articles that have used phrases such as aseptic technique, barrier nursing, cross infection, hand washing, isolation nursing, sterilisation will be retrieved)

Thesaurus

After you have selected and clicked on a Subject Heading, the follow-on page will provide a list of subject headings called the **'Thesaurus'** (a hierarchical structure of related terms)

Scroll down the page until you find the subject heading 'Infection Control'. It will be highlighted in Blue

Click here for the coverage, scope and a definition of the Subject heading

Select Term(s)	Subject Heading	Hits	Explode	Scope	Note
<input type="checkbox"/>	Infant Feeding	1328	<input type="checkbox"/>		i
<input type="checkbox"/>	Infant Screening	168	<input type="checkbox"/>		i
<input type="checkbox"/>	Infants	74	<input type="checkbox"/>		i
<input type="checkbox"/>	Infants Disorders	101	<input type="checkbox"/>		i
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Infection Control	2432	<input type="checkbox"/>		i
	[Used For]				
	Aseptic Technique				
	Barrier Nursing				
	Cross Infection				
	Gloves				
	Handwashing				
	Isolation Nursing				
	Sterilisation				

Clicking in the 'Explode' box will include any 'more specific' terms provided in the 'subject tree'

Click in this box to select the 'Infection Control' Subject Heading

There are no 'more specific' terms provided in the Thesaurus for the Subject Heading 'Infection Control, so there is no need to tick the 'Explode' box

When you have made your selections, scroll back up to the top of the page and click

CONTINUE >>

Initial Search Results / Searching For Your Second 'Concept'

#	Search History	Results	Display
1	infection control/	2432	DISPLAY

Combine Searches Delete Searches Save Search/Alert

Advanced Search Basic Search Find Citation More Fields Search Tools

Keyword Author Title Journal

Enter **Keyword** or phrase (use "\$" for truncation): Map Term to Subject Heading

intensive care

- ◆ The **Infection Control** search found 2432 references. You may find more, as new references are continually being added
- ◆ **This is only one half of the search. Repeat the above process for the second concept of the example search.** Start by typing 'intensive care' into the Keyword / Phrase Box
- ◆ Click
- ◆ **Follow the same processes as have been outlined above.** On the follow-on ('**Subject Heading**') page you should click on the Subject Heading 'Intensive Care' (as you did before for Infection Control) to open up the Thesaurus for Intensive Care
- ◆ Intensive Care will be highlighted in blue

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Intensive Care	790	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="i"/>
	[Used For]			
	Critical Care			
	High Dependency Care			
	Life Support			
	Ventilator Dependency			
	[Broader Terms]			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Methods of Treatment (Non BNI)	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	[Narrower Terms]			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Intensive Care Neonatal	587	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="i"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Intensive Care Paediatric	165	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="i"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ventilation Mechanical	250	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="i"/>

Tick the 'Explode' box to include these "Narrower Terms"

Once you have done this you should see...

#	Search History	Results	Display
1	infection control/	2432	DISPLAY
2	exp intensive care/	1732	DISPLAY

Combine Searches Delete Searches Save Search/Alert

The **Intensive Care** search found 1732 references. You may find more, as new references are continually being added

You have searched the database for two subjects separately

You now need to **combine** 'Search 1' (Infection Control) and 'Search 2' (Intensive Care) using **'AND'** to find references regarding both subjects

Click on 'Combine Searches'

Combining Searches

The **Combine Searches** feature can be used to combine either:

Separate search concepts – Using 'AND'
 E.g. Smoking Cessation **AND** Acupuncture Therapy (as shown below)

Or

Alternative terms for a single concept – Using 'OR'
 E.g. Acupuncture Therapy **OR** Acupressure **OR** Electroacupuncture

Combine a search using: AND OR CONTINUE >>

Select	#	Search History	Results
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	infection control/	2432
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	exp intensive care/	1732

1. Select 'search 1' and 'search 2'

2. Select 'AND'

3. Click 'CONTINUE'

The 'Combine Search' Completed

British Nursing Index
1994 to August 2007

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Change Database | Ask a Librarian | Online Support | Help | LOGOFF
Personal Account (for Searches) | Saved Searches/Alerts

#	Search History	Results	Display
1	infection control/	2432	DISPLAY
2	exp intensive care/	1732	DISPLAY
3	1 and 2	93	DISPLAY

Combine Searches | Delete Searches | Save Search/Alert

Advanced Search | Basic Search | Find Citation | More Fields | Search Tools

Keyword | Author | Title | Journal

Enter **Keyword** or phrase (use "\$" for truncation): Map Term to Subject Heading

Limits

The 'combine search' ('1 and 2') found 93 references for articles regarding infection control and intensive care. You may find more, as new references are continually being added

You can look at these references by clicking on 'Display'

Limiting Your Results

Where appropriate, apply limits to the references that you have obtained

To do so, click the 'More Limits' button on the Main Search Page

Limit a Search

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Main Search Page | Ask a Librarian | Online Support | Help | LOGOFF

Hints:

- Choose a search to limit by clicking a "select" box
- Select as many limits as you wish by clicking in checkboxes or checkboxes
- Click "Limit Search" when you are ready to post the search

LIMIT A SEARCH >>

Select	#	Search History	Results
<input type="radio"/>	1	infection control/	2432
<input type="radio"/>	2	exp intensive care/	1732
<input type="radio"/>	3	1 and 2	93

Limits

Ovid Full Text Available Full Text Latest Update

Publication Year 2005 - 2007

1. Select the relevant 'search line'

2. Select your required limits (e.g. Publication Year, Full Text etc)

3. Click on 'LIMIT A SEARCH'

#	Search History	Results	Display
1	infection control/	2432	DISPLAY
2	exp intensive care/	1732	DISPLAY
3	1 and 2	93	DISPLAY
4	limit 3 to yr="2005 - 2007"	25	DISPLAY

[Combine Searches](#)
[Delete Searches](#)
[Save Search/Alert](#)

In order to view your 'limited' results click on 'DISPLAY' for the relevant 'search line' on the main search page

When applying limits, ensure that you think about the type of information you require and only use the appropriate limits (Applying unnecessary limits may result in you missing relevant material)

Search Results / Select Your References

Click on 'Abstract' or 'Complete Reference' to view references

Search Results

Results of your search: **limit 3 to yr="2005 - 2007"**

Viewing 1-10 of 25 Results

Go to #: [GO](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Soh, K. Koziol-McLain, J. Wilson, J. Critical care nurses' knowledge in preventing nosocomial pneumonia. <i>Australian J Advanced Nursing</i> . 2007 Mar. 24(3). pp. 19-25.	Abstract Complete Reference
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Smith, M. A care bundle for management of central venous catheters. <i>Paediatric Nursing</i> . 2007 May. 19(4). pp. 39-45.	Abstract Complete Reference
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Preventing VAP. <i>Am J Nursing</i> . 2007 May. 107(5). pp. 72CC-72LL.	Abstract Complete Reference Ovid Full Text

Click in the reference tick boxes if you wish to display, save or e-mail specific references.

Alternatively, references can be displayed, saved or e-mailed by the page or as a complete set of results.

See the 'results manager' below

Please note:

In some cases the Full Text of the article is available click on this link for full text access

Results Manager

Scroll down to the 'Results Manager' at the bottom of the page

The screenshot shows the 'Results Manager' interface with four callout boxes:

- Results:** Select the appropriate set of results. Options include 'Selected Results', 'All on this page', and 'All in this set (1-27)'. There is also an 'and/or Range:' input field.
- Fields:** Select which 'fields' of the reference to save (usually citation + abstract). Options include 'Citation (Title, Author, Source)', 'Citation + Abstract', 'Citation + Abstract + Subject Headings', 'Complete Reference', and 'ASCII Full Text (if available)'. A 'SELECT FIELDS' button is present.
- Result Format:** In most cases leave as the 'Ovid format' *. Options include 'Ovid', 'BRS/Tagged', 'Reprint/Medlars', 'Brief (Titles) Display', and 'Direct Export'. There is also an 'Include Search History' checkbox.
- Actions:** Select whether to Display, Print, E-mail or Save your results. Options include 'DISPLAY', 'PRINT PREVIEW', 'EMAIL', and 'SAVE'.

* In order to export references to Refworks, select 'Direct Export' and click on 'Save'

Remember: Unless full text access of an article is provided, you will need to search the library catalogue (<http://library.mdx.ac.uk/#focus>) and the E-Journals list (<http://www.lr.mdx.ac.uk/lib/eresources/index.htm>) in order to verify whether we hold in stock the journal that you require.

If a journal is not held by your Campus Library or by any of the Middlesex Campus Libraries it may be possible to request the article from another Campus / institution via our **Inter Campus / Library Loans Services** (Further information at: <http://www.lr.mdx.ac.uk/lib/services/ill.htm>) (Ask for a form at the Library Enquiry Desk).

Logging Off

Remember to logoff when you have finished by clicking on the 'Logoff' icon at the top right-hand corner of the screen:

