EBSCO Host Cross Database Searching

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Advantages
- One Web Interface
- Eliminates (some) Duplicate Articles
- Article Linker

Disadvantages
- Broad Search Terms Required
- Synonyms essential
  - Rubella or German Measles
- Be Wary of Homonyms
  - Bore or Boar
- Caution Word(s) with multiple definitions,
  - Cold
- Truncation necessary
  - Swim* searches for swim, swimmer, swimming, and swims
- Eliminates special features of databases (limits)

Searching Multiple Topics
Example Articles that discuss smokeless tobacco and youth in Utah

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A \quad \text{AND} \quad B
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A \quad \text{OR} \quad B
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A \quad \text{NOT} \quad B
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Smokeless tobacco AND Utah  Smokeless OR oral  smokeless tobacco NOT cigars
What are other synonyms for smokeless tobacco?

The computer will search left to right unless parentheses ( ) are used

Example (smokeless OR oral OR chew*) AND tobacco AND Utah AND (youth OR teenage* OR OR adolescence*)
http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/library Select the CINAHL hyperlink

Click on Choose Databases Hyperlink
Since Public Health is very interdisciplinary it is critical to choose the appropriate databases
Librarians can help suggest databases to use

Select Detailed View
Mark the boxes in front of the relevant databases

Select Advanced Search
The database structure will help you combine search terms.

Too Few Articles!

Need to broaden search

How can you expand Utah? What region(s) is Utah located in?
What unexpected articles were retrieved?

Articles on Western Pennsylvania

How to make it more relevant look for subjects from best or most relevant articles?
Refining Search - Utilize Subject Terms to locate other articles

- **When Search Results are Too broad or Too Many articles**
  - Try Limiting one or more Terms to Title to increase relevance
  - Limit to Full Text

**Will eliminate valuable research articles!**

- Limit Publication Dates
- Limit to References Available

Note: Each database has its own limits or limiters
• Increase results by
  o Find Similar Results (Very Broad)
  o Looking at Good Articles
  o Utilizing Subject or Descriptor Hyperlinks
  o Searching by Author Hyperlink if known as an Authority on Topic

4. Under the Radar: Smokeless Tobacco Advertising in Magazines
   With Substantial Youth Readership
   By: Morrison, Margaret A.; Krugman, Dean M.; Park, Pumsoon. American
   graph; (AN 31286411)
   *HTML Full Text  *PDF Full Text (2.9MB)
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   Tobacco-specific nitrosamines in new tobacco products

   Irina Stepanov, Joni Jensen, Dorothy Hatsukami, Stephen S. Hecht

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