

## Searching *International Pharmaceutical Abstracts* In EBSCOhost

Type term or terms in the Find boxes.

Use **AND**, **OR**, **NOT** to combine multiple terms. These can be typed directly into the Find box or use the drop down menus to select the operator.

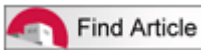
**And** narrows. Influenza AND vaccination Results have to have both terms

**Or** broadens. Gabapentin OR lamotrigine Results can have either or both terms


**Not** excludes. Antidepressants NOT fluoxetine Results on antidepressants other than fluoxetine

**Search Options** include Search modes for Boolean/Phrase searching, and “Find all of my search terms” and “Find any of my search terms”. Check Apply Related words to include synonymous terms and plurals.

**Limit results** to full text\* or limit by Date, Language, to CE credit articles, or by Human Studies only.

\***Note:** some full text articles are available in IPA; however, just because it may not be full text in IPA does not necessarily mean it is unavailable electronically. Selecting  can take you to the article, or to the ejournal finder if the journal is available through another source. The option to search for the journal in the catalog is also displayed. If the article is not available at all it can be requested through interlibrary loan (free for students).

**Field Searching** Databases are made up fields which can be searched. Searchable fields are listed in the drop down box next to the Search button. IPA defaults to searching for terms in the Title, Author, Author Affiliation, Source, Section Heading, Abstract, Descriptors, Chemical Name, Therapeutic Classification, Trade Name, and Generic Name fields.

**Result List** Search results are listed in brief format (if full text is available, the link will be included under the citation). Select the article title link to see the full citation, which includes an abstract and descriptors (subject headings) for that article. Selecting  next to the citation will provide snapshot information on the article as well.

**Narrow Results by** The database will sometimes suggest related subject terms to help narrow your search results. These terms will be listed to the left of the search results. Click on the term to combine with your search terms (it will default to AND-ing the terms).

**Search History** Select Search History/Alerts to see previous searches. You can also combine searches from the History by selecting the boxes next to the search, or by typing the Search ID#'s the Find box.

**To print, email or save your search results**, citations must be added to the Folder. Add items to the folder by selecting Add Folder under the citation. After selecting citations, double click on Folder in the upper right of the page. The selected citations are listed and the options to Print, Email, Save, or Export are displayed.

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### Sample Search

Annotations for Sample Search:

- Enter Search Terms
- To rerun search terms in another Ebscohost database
- Select AND OR NOT
- Expand search results with related words
- Select Limits

### Sample Results

Annotations for Sample Results:

- Search History
- Full text of article
- For snapshot citation and abstract info

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