

Bibliotips

Health Reference
Center-Academic

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Health Reference Center-Academic provides abstracts and selected full text of articles from more than 2,500 publications, including consumer health magazines and newspapers, medical and professional journals, educational pamphlets, health and wellness newsletters, and reference books such as *Clinical Reference Systems*; *Complete Directory for People with Chronic Illness*; *Mosby's Medical, Nursing, and Allied Health Dictionary*; and *Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine*. Coverage for journals and magazines varies, with some indexing dating back to 1980 and some full text beginning as early as 1983. Coverage for books and reference materials includes current edition only. Updated daily.

STARTING HEALTH REFERENCE CENTER-ACADEMIC

From the library's World Wide Web homepage (<http://www.uhcl.edu/library>), click on **Research a Topic**, then **Databases A-Z**. Select the tab **Databases by Name**, click **H**, and then click on the **Health Reference Center-Academic** hyperlink.

HOW TO SEARCH

The screenshot shows the search interface with several callout boxes:

- Choose a different kind of search from the blue bar.** Points to the left-hand navigation menu (blue bar) with options: Help - Search, Title List, Subject guide (highlighted), Relevance search, Keyword search, Advanced search, Start over, Back to ..., and Gale Group Databases.
- Type search terms; then click Search.** Points to the search entry box in the 'Subject guide search' section, which contains the text 'Click in the entry box and enter search term(s)' and a 'Search' button.
- Limit the current search (optional)** points to the filtering options:
 - to articles with text
 - to refereed publications
 - by date: all dates, before, on, after
 - between [dropdown] [dropdown] [dropdown] and [dropdown] [dropdown] [dropdown]
 - to the following journal(s) [dropdown] [Browse]
- To limit to a specific journal, type the journal name, or click Browse to select journal(s) from a list.** Points to the 'Browse' button.
- If desired, apply limits for full text, refereed (peer-reviewed) journals, or specific dates or date ranges.** Points to the filtering options.

Subject Guide Search (the default) matches your terms with a list of subject headings and works best with searches of one or two words. *And* is ignored. *Or* and *not* are both treated as logical operators (the use of either one forces a keyword search).

Relevance Search matches your terms by frequency of use, displays the best matches first, and works best with searches of two or more words. Enclose terms or phrases in **double quotes** (“ ”) for an exact match. Instead of logical operators, use a **plus sign** (+) before terms that must appear and a **minus sign** (-) before terms that must not appear in your results.

Keyword Search matches your terms and displays results from newest to oldest. Your terms will appear within two words of each other in either direction unless you use a logical operator or proximity operator (see below).

Advanced Search provides three search entry boxes and drop-down menus for selecting specific indexes (*subject, keyword, title, author, journal name, abstract, etc.*). It works well for complex searches.

In **Keyword** and **Advanced** searches, you may use logical operators **and**, **or**, and **not**; proximity operators **Wn** (within) and **Nn** (near); and the following wildcards: **asterisk** (*) for any number (including none) of characters, **question mark** (?) for exactly one character, and **exclamation point** (!) for one or no characters.

Examples: asthma **and** allergy finds both words anywhere in the same record
 asthma **W2** allergy finds *allergy* no more than 2 words after *asthma*
 asthma **N3** allergy finds *allergy* no more than 3 words on either side of *asthma*

For more options, click **Help-Search** in the blue bar at the left of each search screen.

VIEWING RECORDS

- A Subject Guide Search gives a list of subject headings containing your term(s). Click **View** to see a list of citations. Click **Narrow** to see available subheadings (*case studies, diagnosis, genetic aspects, prevention, etc.*).
- All other searches provide a list of citations.
- Click the hyperlink(s) below a citation for available abstracts, full text, PDF full image, etc.

Asthma

- [View](#) 11 Overviews
- [View](#) 35 Reference Book excerpts
- [View](#) 1 Pamphlet
- [View](#) 1 Dictionary Definition
- [View](#) 4397 Periodical references or [Narrow](#) by subdivision
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Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America

- [View](#) 1 Periodical reference

Subject: Asthma in Children; Periodicals

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[Sleep disorders may indicate worsening of problems.](#) (Brief Article)
 Mark: [Immunotherapy Weekly](#) Oct 23, 2002 p3 (354 words)
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[Maternal asthma, infant feeding, and the risk of asthma in childhood.](#) (Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology)(Abstract)
 Mark: Wendy H. Oddy.
[JAMA, The Journal of the American Medical Association](#) Oct 2, 2002 v288 i13 p1568(1)
[Citation](#)

[Asthma management practices and education needs of Head Start directors and staff. \(Articles\).](#) Karen Huss, Marilyn Winkelstein, Barbara Calabrese, Arlene Butz, Shoshana Reshef, Cynthia Rand, Adele Gilpin.
 Mark: [Journal of School Health](#) Oct 2002 v72 i8 p329(5) (3214 words)
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Limit the current search (optional)

to articles with text

to refereed publications

by date all dates before on after

between and

to the following journal(s) [Browse](#)

History

R3 Sd "Asthma_prevention" (65 hits)

R2 Sd "Asthma_genetic Aspects" (87 hits)

R1 Asthma in Children; Periodicals (1274 hits) [View](#)

The **History** section at the bottom of the search page displays previous search results sets:

- To see citations, click a result set, and click **View**.
- To clear the history list, click **Start over** in the blue bar on the left of the search screen.

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- Click **View mark list** in the blue bar on the left.
- Select desired contents option, and click **Submit Print Request** to format the records for printing, or
- Select desired contents option; type email address and subject; then click **Submit E-mail Request**.

To print an individual article, click **Print** in the blue bar, and follow on-screen instructions.

To email an individual article, click **E-mail or Retrieval** in the blue bar, and follow on-screen instructions.

To download records to a diskette, insert an IBM-formatted diskette in the A: drive. Click **File** on the Internet browser toolbar to get the file menu, and then click **Save As** to get the *Save Web Page* dialog box. Click the arrow at the end of the *Save in* box and choose **3½ Floppy (A:)**. Type a file name in the *File name* box, click the arrow at the end of the *Save as type* box, and choose **Text file (*.txt)**. Click the **Save** button.



To see examples of how to cite articles from **Health Reference Center-Academic** in MLA or APA style, click **Help-Search** in the blue bar at the left of each search screen; then click **Help index**, followed by **How do I cite an article**.

For more information, refer to onscreen help, or consult a reference librarian.