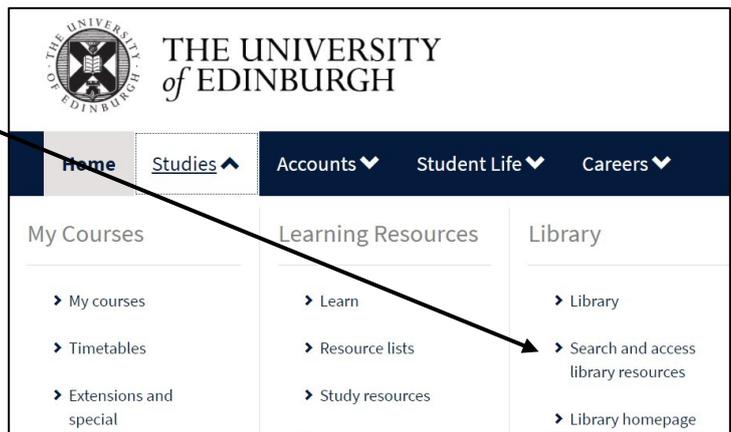
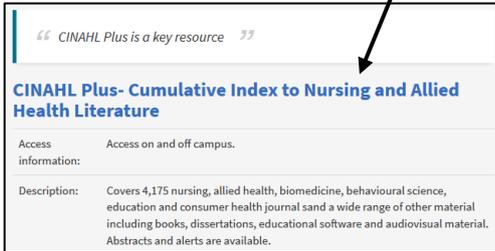




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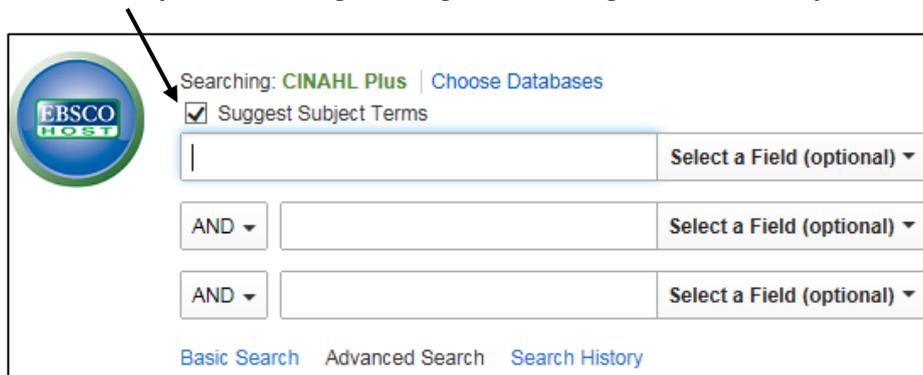
Getting to CINAHL Plus from MyEd Studies' Library column > **Search and access library resources** > Databases by subject > **Nursing**



## Note CINAHL's default set-up:

The search is of controlled vocabulary terms not records.

Remove the tick if you want to go straight to finding records with your search term.



## Subject Terms / Subject Headings (controlled vocabulary):

Controlled vocabulary/subject headings are added by CINAHL Plus to consistently describe articles on that subject, no matter the words and phrases used by the author(s).

- Most databases use their own specific thesaurus of subject terms which reflect their country of origin and professional focus.

### Pros:

- A good way of getting articles on a subject with lots of different synonyms.

### Cons:

- Only two fields are searched.
- There will be records in CINAHL (often newly added ones) without these fields and which therefore cannot be found searching this way.

**Healthcare workers and measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) status: how worried should we be about further outbreaks?**

Authors: [Basu, S. Giri, P. Adisesh, A. McNAUGHT, R.](#)

Source: [Epidemiology & Infection](#) (EPIDEMIOL INFECT), Aug2014; 142(8): 1688-1694. (7p)

Publication Type: Journal Article - research

Language: English

Major Subjects: [Disease Outbreaks](#)  
[Health Personnel](#)  
[Measles -- Prevention and Control](#)  
[Measles-Mumps-Rubella Vaccine -- Immunology](#)  
[Mumps -- Prevention and Control](#)  
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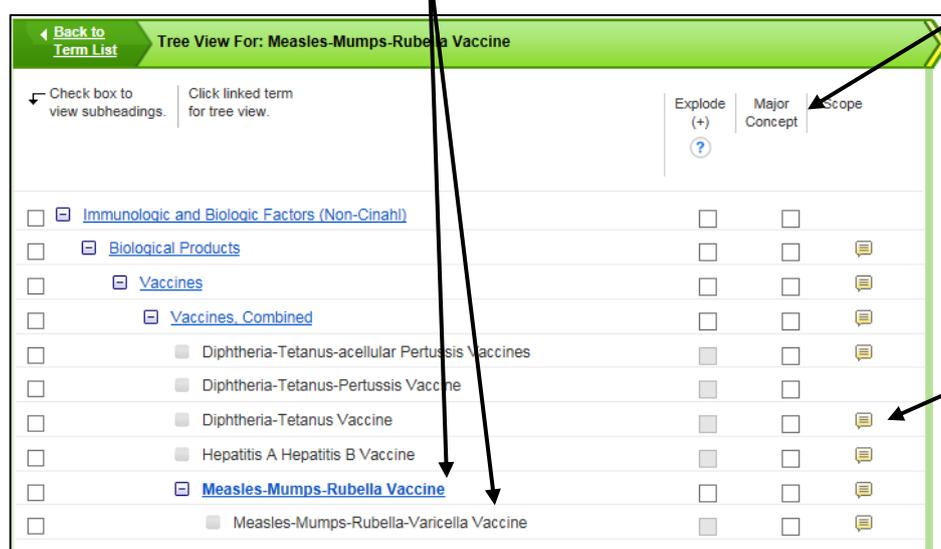
Minor Subjects: [Adolescence](#); [Adult](#); [Antibodies, Viral -- Blood](#); [Europe](#); [Female](#); [Human](#); [Male](#); [Measles -- Epidemiology](#); [Measles -- Transmission](#); [Measles-Mumps-Rubella Vaccine -- Administration and Dosage](#); [Middle Age](#); [Mumps -- Epidemiology](#); [Mumps -- Transmission](#); [Retrospective Design](#); [Risk Assessment](#); [Young Adult](#)

Abstract: SUMMARY Recently, a number of outbreaks of measles and mumps have occurred within the UK and Europe. Healthcare workers (HCWs) are at risk of contracting and transmitting disease

**Subject headings' Solution:** Look for subject headings that match your search and use them as keywords.



Explode returns records with the subject term in either the Major Subjects or the Minor Subjects fields and also records with any narrower terms in those fields too, eg Measles-Mumps-Rubella-Varicella Vaccine in screenshot below – it is the indented term beneath what CINAHL Plus uses for MMR.



Major concept limits the results to only those records where the subject term strongly reflects a major focus of the article (top red circle in the screenshot bottom of page 1).

Use a Scope note to see what CINAHL Plus means by a term.

**Remove the tick against “Suggest Subject Terms”** (top screenshot on page 1)

- The search will be for the terms in all the text fields, not just the Major and Minor Subjects fields.

**Use the Search History to:**

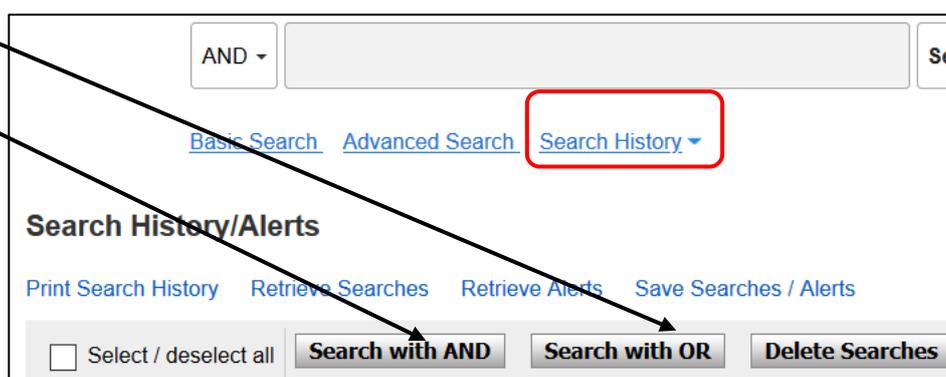
- See what difference your search terms make to the number of records you find.
- Combine the sets of records in the best way to get results relevant to your research questions and inclusion / exclusion criteria

**OR** to combine synonyms

**AND** to combine concepts



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In the example below, the subject heading searches for the terms CINAHL uses for MMR [S1] and for autism [S4] are augmented with keyword searches [S2, S5] and the resultant search sets [S3, S6] combined to find records with mention of both [S7].

Search S8 has been for all records with the word review (or reviews or reviewed or reviewing etc) in the title only. Search S9 is an attempt to find review articles mentioning MMR and autism.

Search ID#	Search Terms	Search Options	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	S9 S7 AND S8	Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms	<a href="#">View Results</a> (9)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	S8 TI review*	Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms	<a href="#">View Results</a> (247,050)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	S7 S3 AND S6	Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms	<a href="#">View Results</a> (440)
<input type="checkbox"/>	S6 S4 OR S5	Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms	<a href="#">View Results</a> (33,177)
<input type="checkbox"/>	S5 autism*	Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms	<a href="#">View Results</a> (33,177)
<input type="checkbox"/>	S4 (MH "Autistic Disorder")	Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms	<a href="#">View Results</a> (26,143)
<input type="checkbox"/>	S3 S1 OR S2	Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms	<a href="#">View Results</a> (3,335)
<input type="checkbox"/>	S2 mmr	Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms	<a href="#">View Results</a> (2,116)
<input type="checkbox"/>	S1 (MH "Measles-Mumps-Rubella Vaccine+")	Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Find all my search terms	<a href="#">View Results</a> (2,003)

\* = truncation symbol = 0 or any number of characters.

Use "phrase marks" / "double quotation marks" to make the search be only for the words appearing together.

Proximity searching allows the search to be for words within a certain number of words of each other, eg nursing N3 education and the word nursing can come before or after the word education.

Use Print Search History or Save Searches/Alerts to remember or record what you have done:



## Save Searches/Alerts:

Register to save a search strategy to re-run it in the future, using “Retrieve Searches”, and find newly matching records.

Or use Alert to have newly matching records emailed to you.

## Look for an Export command to take references out of CINAHL Plus.

- In an individual full record or from Folder View if you've been adding records as you find them:

- Bulk Export via Share > Email option:

**N.B.** The email notification sometimes arrives before the file is ready for download.

The information in brackets (up to 440) indicates that duplicate records are not included in the exported file. This can explain why a smaller number of records is in the exported file than expected, most especially when more than one database has been searched simultaneously.

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