

Guide to searching OVID databases

EMBASE	MEDLINE
Maternity and Infant Care	Social Policy and Practice
HMIC	CAB Abstracts

What is Ovid?

Ovid offers a range of health and social science databases that contain information about articles published in journals. You can use these to find articles in your areas of interest and research. Some articles are available in full text.

Accessing Ovid

From the Library homepage: www1.uwe.ac.uk/library/ select **Your subject**, then **Health and Social Care** and finally **Databases for health and social care**. You will see the list of key databases in health and social care that the Library provides access to.



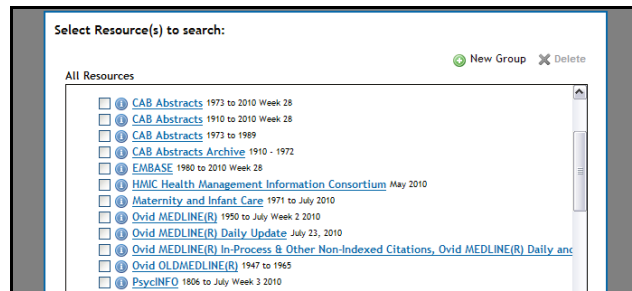
The screenshot shows a web page titled "Health and social care" with a list of databases. The list includes:

- AMED (Allied and Complementary Medicine) (via EBSCO)
- ASSIA (Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts) (via Proquest)
- BNI (British Nursing Index) (via Proquest)
- CINAHL Plus (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature) (via EBSCO) *
- Cochrane Library
- CommunityWISE
- EMBASE (via OVID) *
- HMIC (Health Management Information Consortium)
- Maternity and Infant Care (via Ovid)
- MEDLINE (via EBSCO) *
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- Psycinfo (via EBSCO) *

On the right side of the page, there are "Related links" and a "Library wins student experience award!" banner.

Select one of the Ovid databases e.g. **EMBASE** by **clicking on the title** and you will see more information about that database. Click on the direct link and you will be prompted to log in using your UWE username and password.

You will now be on the Ovid website and will see the complete list of Ovid resources:



You can either click on the name of an individual database or to search several at once, tick the boxes to the left of the required databases and click **Selected Resource(s)**.

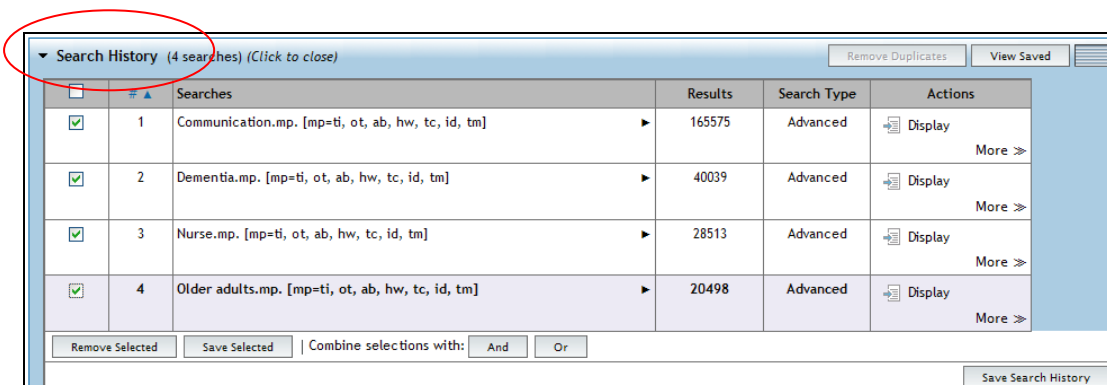
Each database covers a different range of journals, so you may need to use more than one to carry out a thorough search. Clicking on the **i** icon next to the title gives you more information about that particular database. **UWE e-journals@Ovid** is a collection of full text journals. You can search these directly, but it is more thorough to carry out a search in one of the databases in order to retrieve a wider range of articles.

Searching the databases

To carry out a simple search, type in your keyword or phrase and click Search. Ovid will look for your keywords in the title, abstract and subject heading fields of the references. You can also search by author, title or journal.

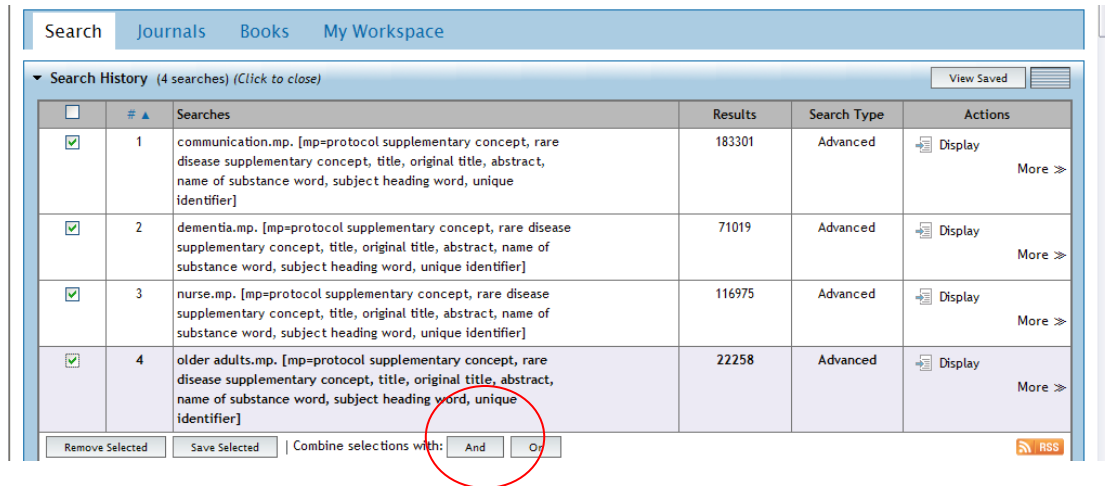


For more complex searches, it is best to search for each concept separately and then combine the individual searches. Don't worry if you can't see your previous searches, they are all under the **Search History** tab.



Combining Searches

When you have searched for each concept, click on **Search History** and you will see the results of each individual search. In order to find articles which match all the search criteria, you need to combine these. Tick the box to the left of the each row and click **AND**. You will then see the results for your combined search in a new row.



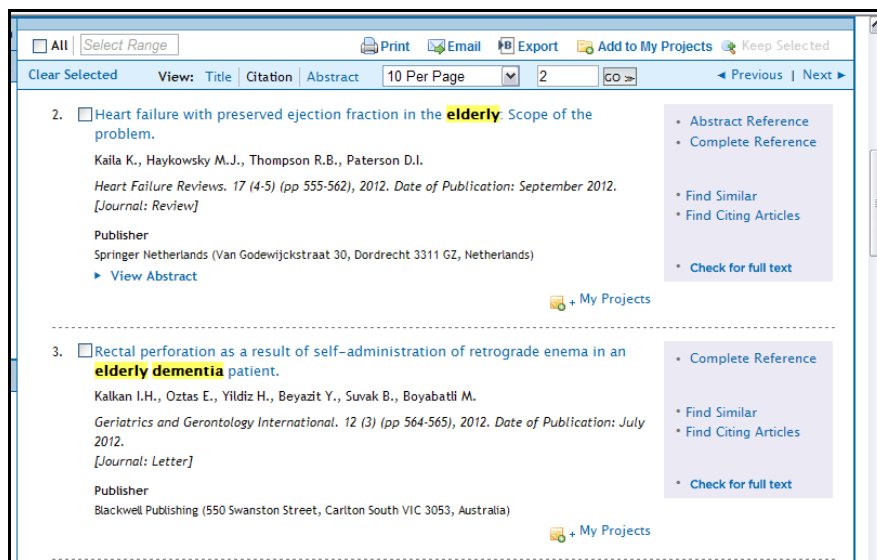
The screenshot shows a 'Search History' window with four rows of search results. Each row has a checkbox in the first column, a search ID in the second, a search query in the third, the number of results in the fourth, the search type in the fifth, and action buttons in the sixth. The 'Combine selections with' dropdown menu at the bottom is set to 'And'.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	dementia.mp. [mp=protocol supplementary concept, rare disease supplementary concept, title, original title, abstract, name of substance word, subject heading word, unique identifier]	71019	Advanced	Display More >
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Combine selections with: **And** Or

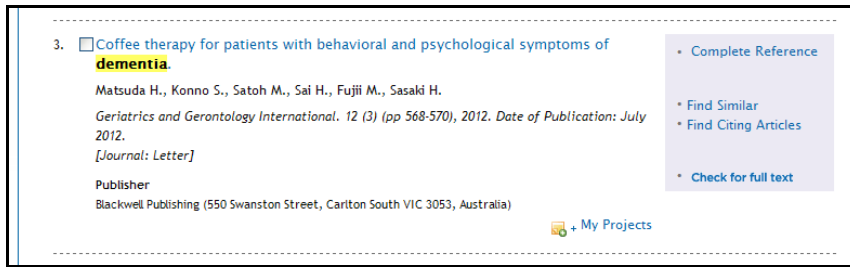
Viewing your search results

The first 10 results of your search are displayed automatically. Use the **Next** link to see more results. Some articles are available in full text via Ovid - click on **Full Text** or **PDF**. If full text isn't available via Ovid, click on **Check for full text** to see whether the journal is available elsewhere.



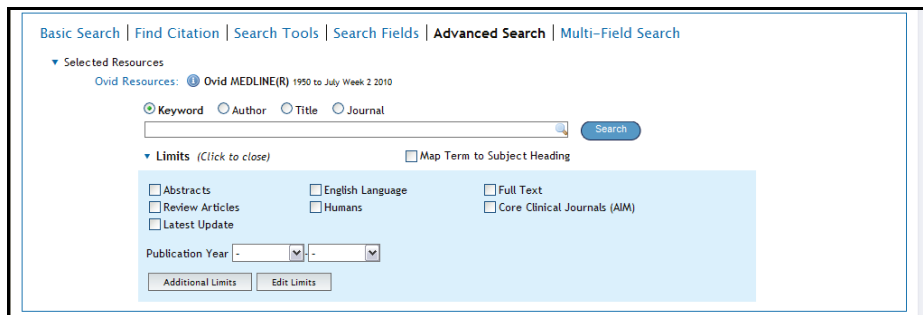
The screenshot shows two search results. The first result is 'Heart failure with preserved ejection fraction in the elderly: Scope of the problem.' by Kaila K., Haykowsky M.J., Thompson R.B., Paterson D.I. The second result is 'Rectal perforation as a result of self-administration of retrograde enema in an elderly dementia patient.' by Kalkan I.H., Oztas E., Yildiz H., Beyazit Y., Suvak B., Boyabattı M. Both results have a 'Check for full text' button.

To view further details of a record either click on the **title of the article**, **Abstract Reference** or **Complete Reference**.



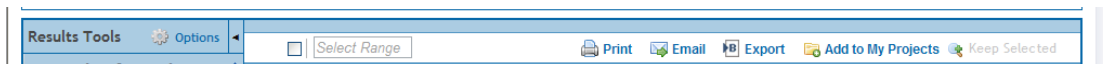
Limiting your search

You can refine your search either by choosing more specific keywords or adding further concepts. You can also set parameters by clicking the **Limits** link under the search box. You can limit by publication year, language or document type, but options vary depending on the database(s) you are using.



Managing your results

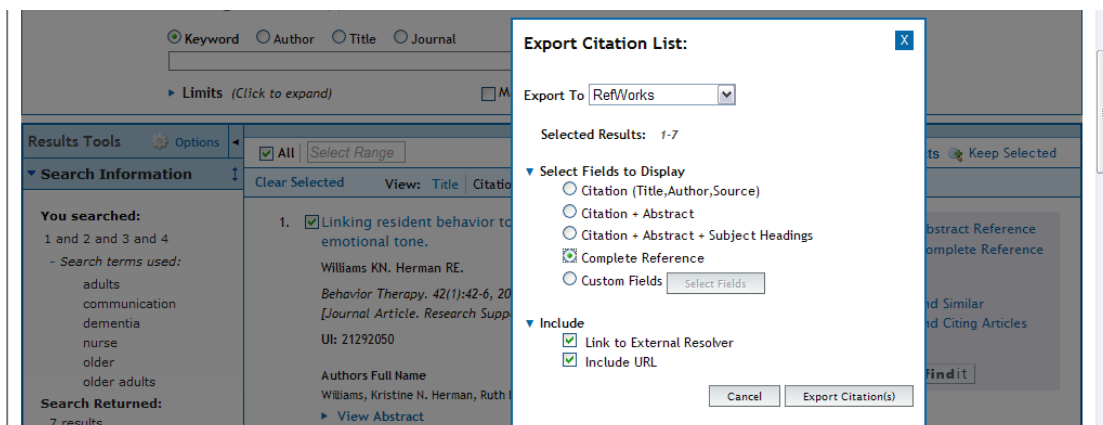
You can select particular references to print, save or email by ticking the box to the left of each one. Then go to the top of the screen and select the appropriate option.



Exporting search results

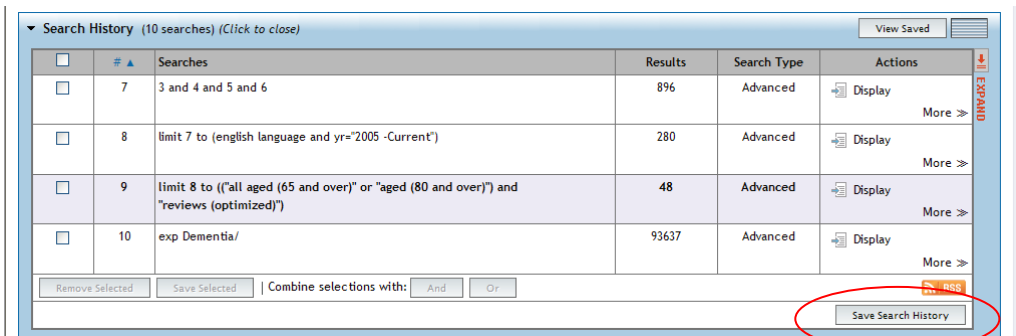
You can export references to RefWorks. It is useful to have RefWorks open in another window before you export your results. From the library home page, click on Databases A-Z elibrary and then the letter R.

In Ovid, select the references you want to export by ticking the box to the left of each one. Then click on **Export** at the top of the page. Choose Export to RefWorks from the drop-down menu.

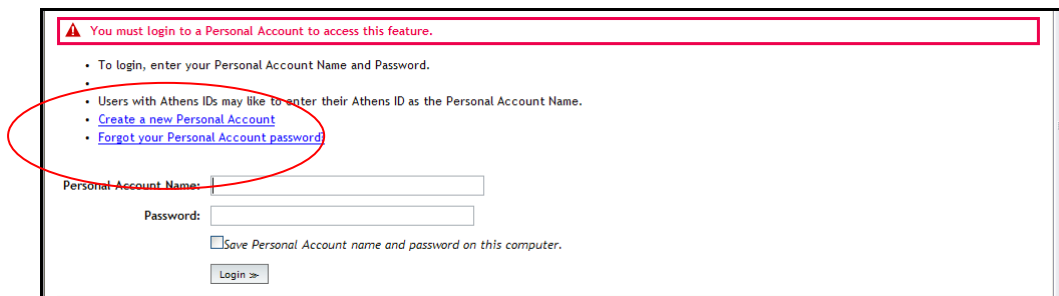


Saving searches

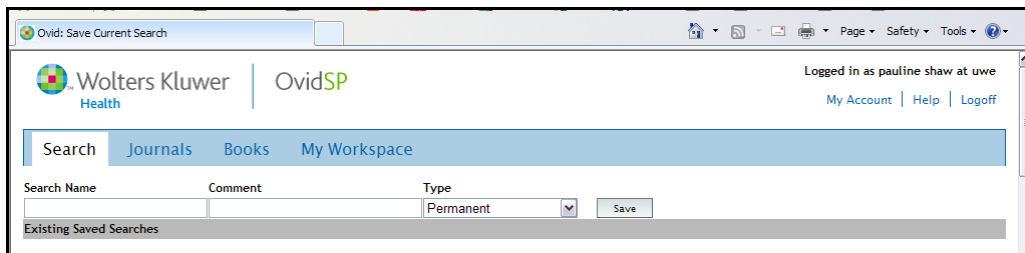
To save a search to re-run at a later date, click on **Save Search History** in the Search History screen.



You need to log into your personal account or create one if you haven't already done so.

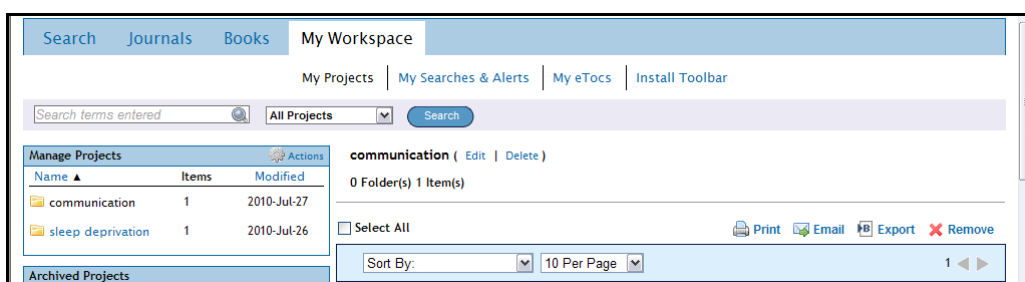


Then give your search a relevant name, add any comments and save it as a permanent search. You will see a message telling you that your search has been saved. You will then be able to log into your personal account to re-run this search at a later date.



My Projects

My Projects is a space within the My Workspace area of Ovid where you can store your citations, articles and full-text articles and organise them into distinct projects. You will need to create a personal account in order to access this area.



Further help is available from within Ovid via the help button.

This guide can be made available in alternative formats on request.

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