

## Description

Allied & Complementary Medicine™ covers the fields of complementary or alternative medicine and allied health. Information is geared toward medical professionals, health practitioners and care-givers, and the pharmaceutical industry.

## Subject Coverage

Topics covered include:

- Acupuncture
- Ayurvedic medicine
- Chiropractic
- Diet therapy
- Herbalism
- Holistic treatment
- Homeopathy
- Hypnosis
- Meditation
- Moxibustion
- Occupational therapy
- Osteopathy
- Palliative care
- Pharmacology
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Psychotherapy
- Reflexology
- Rehabilitation
- Traditional Chinese medicine
- Yoga

## Date Coverage

1985–present

## Update Frequency

Monthly

## Geographic Coverage

International

## Document Types

Journal Articles  
Conferences, Symposia, Meetings

## Publisher

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## SEARCH FIELDS

Field name	Field code	Example	Selectable from Advanced Search form drop-down menu	Available as Limit Option	Available Look up/ Browse	Displayed in Document View	Description and Notes
Abstract	AB	ab(plant and extract)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Abstract present	ABANY	abany(yes)	No	Yes	No	Yes	Add abany(yes) to a query to limit retrieval to records with abstracts.
Accession number	AN	an(0127498)	No	No	No	Yes	A unique document identification number assigned by the information provider, available via Look Up Citation feature as Document ID.
All fields (no full text)	ALL	all("drug therapy") all(control near/3 pain)	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Author	AU	au("jiang, s") au("jiang, s" and "zu, y")	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Also available via Look Up Citation feature.
First author	FAU	fau("jiang, s")	No	No	No	Yes	
Document title	TI	ti(osteoarthritis) ti(osteoarthritis near/3 knee)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Also available via Look Up Citation feature.
Document type	DTYPE	dtype(article)	No	No	No	Yes	All records in this database are document type article.
Descriptor	DE	de("estrogens")	No	No	No	Yes	DE searches Thesaurus terms (major or minor) but <b>not</b> Identifiers (entry terms); displayed under Subject.
Identifier	IF	if(chiropractic)	No	No	No	Yes	IF searches Identifiers (entry terms: uncontrolled indexing) but <b>not</b> Thesaurus terms; displayed under Subject.
ISSN	ISSN	issn(1356-689x) issn(1356689x)	No	No	No	Yes	Use of hyphens is optional in queries for ISSN. Also available via Look Up Citation feature.
Issue	ISS	iss(1)	No	No	No	Yes	Also available via Look Up Citation feature.

Field name	Field code	Example	Selectable from Advanced Search form drop-down menu	Available as Limit Option	Available Look up/ Browse	Displayed in Document View	Description and Notes
Language of original	LA	la(german)	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Last update date	LUPD	lupd(20111012) lupd(>20111012) lupd(>=20111012)	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Pagination	PG	pg(196-206)	No	No	No	Yes	
Publication date	PD	pd(20111001-20111231) pd(20111001) pd(>=20110601)	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Publication title	PUB	pub("osteoarthritis cartilage") pub("arch phys med rehabil")	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Also available via Look Up Citation feature.
Publication year	YR	yr(2011) yr(>=2010) yr(2009-2011)	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Record type	RTYPE	rtype(article)	No	No	No	No	All records in this database are record type article.
Source details	SRC	src(jama and 2010 and 18) src(0304-3959 and 2011 and 7) src(0-7225-1466-2)	No	No	No	Yes	
Subject	SU	su(acupuncture and therapy) su.exact("nursing diagnosis") su.x("nursing diagnosis")	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	See also Thesaurus section below. SU searches Thesaurus terms (major or minor), as well as identifiers (entry terms). A search on su.exact ("nursing") will return documents with a subject term of "nursing", but not documents with a subject term of "nursing diagnosis".
Volume	VO	vo(30)	No	No	No	Yes	Also available via Look Up Citation feature.

## LIMIT OPTIONS

Limit options are quick and easy ways of searching certain common concepts. A check box is available for:

### Abstract included

A short list of choices is available for:

### Language

**Date limiters** are available in which you can select single dates or ranges for date of **publication**.

## ***BROWSE FIELDS***

You can browse the contents of certain fields by using Look Up lists. These are particularly useful to validate spellings or the presence of specific data. Terms found in the course of browsing may be selected and automatically added to the Advanced Search form. Look Up lists are available in the fields drop-down for:

**Author, Publication title, Subject**

and in the search options for:

**Language**

## ***THESAURUS***

The Allied & Complementary Medicine™ thesaurus is available by clicking on the “Thesaurus” hyperlink on the right side of the Advanced and the Command Line search pages. Thesaurus terms may be searched within the thesaurus, then selected to be added automatically to the search form.

Terms used are based on the MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) of the National Library of Medicine.

## ***“NARROW RESULTS BY” LIMITERS***

When results of a search are presented, the results display is accompanied by a list of “Narrow results by” options shown on the right-hand panel. Click on any of these options and you will see a ranked list showing the most frequently occurring terms in your results. Click on term(s) to include or exclude and apply them to (“narrow”) your search results. “Narrow results by” limiters include:

**Author, Language of original, Publication title, Subject, and Publication date.**

## ***LOOK UP CITATION***

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