

Health Reference Center Academic

Health Reference Center Academic, a Thomson Gale product, is a multi-source database providing access to the full text of nursing and allied health journals, consumer health magazines, newsletters, pamphlets, newspaper articles, topical overviews, and reference books as well as the wide variety of personal health information sources in InfoTrac's award-winning *Health Reference Center*™.

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Scroll to: ***Health Reference Center Academic***

Click: ***Inside the Library OR Home Access***

- ★ To begin a new search, click *Basic Search* near top of screen (blue background). All searches below are basic searches unless otherwise noted.

Computer commands, field names and mouse actions are in *Italics*.
Text that you must type is within single quote marks (' ').

1. **I'm a nursing student and need full-text articles from peer reviewed journals about health care in prisons.**
 - ☐ At the home page, leave the radio button (*Search the Site*) at *Keyword*.
 - ☐ Type 'prisons' in the *Find* box. (It is not necessary to include 'health care' in the search as the entire database is dedicated to that area.)
 - ☐ At *Limit Results*, check *Documents with Full Text* and *Peer Reviewed*.
 - ☐ Click the *Search* button. Matching citations will be displayed on the *Search Results* screen in reverse chronological order by publication date. (Results will be grouped by tabs for *Academic Journals*, *Magazines*, *Books*, *News*, and *Multimedia*.)
 - ☐ To display a specific article, click the article title or the phrase *Full-text*. *PDF* options are also available for most (not all) articles.
 - ☐ Note: once an article has been opened, related subjects are hyperlinked on the left.
2. **I'm writing a paper on medicinal herbs and need graphics as well.**
 - ☐ At *Home* (*Search the Site*), type 'medicinal herbs' in the *Find* box, and leave the radio button at *Keyword*.
 - ☐ Place a check beside *With Images* (under *Limit Results*) and click the *Search* button.
 - ☐ A list of keyword matches including graphics will be displayed in PDF and HTML formats.
3. **Is the popular magazine Prevention (ISSN 0032-8006) indexed by Health Reference Center Academic?**
 - ☐ After clicking the *Browse Publications* tab, type 'prevention' in the *Find Title* box and click *Go*.
 - ☐ This action will display a list of all items covered by *Health Resource Center Academic* with the word 'prevention' in the title. Prevention magazine is one of them, positively identified by its ISSN. Moving the mouse over the title displays the dates for index and full-text coverage.

4. **I'm researching all aspects of diabetes and want to see a list of all subject phrases containing the word.**
- ☐ Click *Browse Subjects* near the top of the screen.
 - ☐ When the *Browse Subjects* screen appears, type 'diabetes' in the *Find Subject* box and click the *Go* button.
 - ☐ *Subject Terms* will list in order all phrases containing the word 'diabetes' along with the number of results for each. *Next* and *Previous* arrows advance or retrace the lists.
5. **How does lupus erythematosus affect the liver?**
- ☐ Click *Advanced Search*.
 - ☐ When the *Advanced Search* screen appears, leave the default setting at *Keyword*, and type 'liver' in the topmost search box.
 - ☐ Type 'lupus erythematosus' in the second (*Keyword*) search box and click *Search*.
 - ☐ Matching citations will be retrieved, each a clickable link.
6. **Can articles from Health Resource Center Academic be e-mailed directly from the database?**
- ☐ Yes. Once an article has been opened, clicking the *e-mail* icon near the top of the screen opens a dialog box offering several options for e-mail format, content, bibliographic citation, etc.