Formulating a Query

- After a research question has been defined, a **query is formulated** in order to search literature to answer this question

- In systematic reviews, an (often) complex **Boolean query** is used in order to find citations

- Queries are formatted in an iterative process with the help of an **information specialist** and are submitted to a panel for quality assurance

Search Strategies

THESE AREN'T YOUR NORMAL BOOLEAN QUERIES

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1.   (adrenergic* and antagonist*).tw.
2.   (adrenergic* and block$).tw.
3.   (adrenergic* and beta-receptor*).tw.
4.   (beta-adrenergic* and block*).tw.
5.   (beta-blocker* and adrenergic*).tw.
6.   (blockader*.tw. or Propranolol/ or Sotalol/)
7.   or/1-6
8.   Lung Diseases, Obstructive/
9.   exp Pulmonary Disease, Chronic Obstructive/
10.  emphysema*.tw.
11.  (chronic* adj3 bronchiti*).tw.
12.  (obstruct*.tw. adj3 (lung* or airway*).tw.)
13.  COPD.tw.
14.  COAD.tw.
15.  COBD.tw.
16.  AECB.tw.
17.  or/8-16
18.  7 and 17
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