MANTIS

Manual, Alternative and Natural Therapy (MANTIS) is a bibliographic (citation & abstract) database that provides coverage of chiropractic, physical therapy, dentistry, acupuncture, homeopathy, nursing, and herbal medicine. Approximately 1000 journals are covered and approximately 70% of the references have abstracts. Coverage is from 1880 to present.

Features and Limits

- Subject and keyword searching in article titles and abstract fields.
- Searchable subject headings include standard Medical Subject Headings (MeSH), with specialized supplemental controlled vocabulary for alternative medicine.
- Search by publication dates.
- Search by discipline.
- Language.
- Format results. Results may be viewed as titles only, titles and descriptors (subject headings), citations, or citations and abstracts.

Printing Results: To print, mark the desired citations and abstracts by clicking in the box to the right of the article title and click the view selected articles button at the bottom of the page. Print the resulting screen using the browser’s print command.

Tutorials: Use the link to Help found at the top right of all MANTIS screens. Some of the features have been included in the Tips section of this guide to MANTIS.
Tips: To improve search results, use the following information about the MANTIS search options:

- **Boolean operators** include and, or, and not. Using these allows a search to be broadened or narrowed as desired.
- **Medical Subject Heading (MeSH)** is a controlled vocabulary of medical and scientific terms assigned to documents when they are indexed and included in databases. These terms can be used in many cases to search more efficiently than simple text words or text "strings."
- **Subheadings** are terms used to clarify the specific aspect of the heading discussed in the article. For example, the subheading "therapy" would be used with the heading "low back pain" to describe articles that deal with treating low back pain. Subheadings can be bound to headings with a hyphen to increase search accuracy. For example, "low back pain-th" would generally be more accurate than using the separate terms, "low back pain" and "therapy."
- **Discipline** - This is used to find articles published by a profession, rather than information about a profession. If, for example, you want to find articles published only in osteopathic journals, you would select the discipline "Osteopathic Medicine."
- **Evidence-Based Practice** - This option will limit the search results to a particular clinical aspect of a subject. For example, if you are looking for articles with high clinical relevance about the diagnosis of headaches, you could enter the heading "headache" in the search field and select the limiter, "diagnosis."
- **Find Button (gray '?' box)** Use this button to help you select an appropriate heading, journal (publication), or author name to use in a search.
- **Heading(s)/Subheading(s) Field** - This field is also known as the "Keyword Field" or the "Search Term Field" and is the location where you will type in Medical Subject Headings or strings of text to search the literature contained within the database. There are five (5) Heading(s)/Subheading(s) Fields to use and each is linked with the "AND" Boolean operator except for the last field which is used to exclude terms or text strings from a search (this field is linked into the search with the "NOT" Boolean operator).
- **High Clinical Relevancy** - This limiter will restrict the search results to articles that relate the findings of the different types of clinical trials or case reports with humans as subjects.