



# *Madigan Library*

## Health Sciences Library Research Guide

### *Research Help*

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### *Need a Citation Style?*

Use [Cite Your Sources](#) for links to APA style manuals. Especially helpful is the [APA Formatting and Style Guide](#) 6<sup>th</sup> ed from the Purdue University Libraries' Online Writing Lab (OWL).

[AMA Manual of Style](#) is full text online.

From the [Medicine & Health Databases](#) list, click on “related info” beside each database or look for a “cite/citing” tab in your list of results after your search.

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### **Apply the PICO Search Strategy**

Use [PICO](#) forms to formulate your research questions

## Search Effectively

Use [Boolean Logic](#)

*Look for the controlled vocabularies of a database, see thesauri, MeSH, topics, etc.*

Use [Health Sciences Resources by Subject](#) for medical dictionaries, statistics, etc.

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## Search Medical Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

Search [Medical References](#) for definitions, descriptions, audible pronunciations, etc.

## Find Books & Journal Articles in Databases

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### [Evaluating Information on the Web](#)

A short and concise guide produced by the [Arizona University Libraries](#).

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