Embase - OVID – Quick Guide

COVERAGE
Embase (1974 – present) – main biomedical and pharmaceutical science database holding 30 million individual references. Content coverage includes; biotechnology and biomedical engineering, drug therapy and research, medicine, nursing, public health and veterinary medicine.

ACCESS
Embase is accessible on and off-campus and sits on the Ovid Platform
- Log on to the Portal at portal.ulster.ac.uk.
- Select the Library & ICT tab.
- Select the Databases link, displayed under Key Services, on the right hand side of the screen. The A-Z listing of Library Databases is displayed on the screen.
- Click on E and scroll down to select Embase
- If you see this screen, enter Ulster and click on the Ulster University link:

![Embase Access Screen](image)

AUTHENTICATION
You will need to identify yourself as an Ulster University user to gain access to the database. On the screen showing an artist’s impression of the new Belfast campus, enter your student email address and Ulster Network password. This will authenticate you for the current browsing session.

SEARCHING
Basic Search
The database will open automatically at the Advanced Search Screen, you will find the link to the Basic Search just above the main search box, click on this and the screen will change.
Enter your search using natural language

e.g. side effects AND statins

salbutamol AND management AND asthma

The **Include Related Terms** box will broaden the search by finding word variations and synonyms.

You can refine your search using limits such as date of publication and publication type e.g. systematic review, journal article; find these in the column down the left hand side of the screen under **Filter By**.

Click on the article title for more information including the abstract if available.

To check if an article is available from the Library's journal collection, click on the **U Find it** button to check if the article is available full-text from the Library's journal collection.

If you are having difficulty accessing full text off campus take a look at the off campus guide [http://guides.library.ulster.ac.uk/offcampus](http://guides.library.ulster.ac.uk/offcampus)

HELP
And the Ovid Basic and Advanced workbooks
http://library.ulster.ac.uk/electronic/guides/ovidsp_guides.pdf

Embase also has an excellent help section which you can access at any time by clicking Help at the top right of the screen.

Don't worry if you are having problems using the database; just contact a member of the Life and Health Sciences subject team who will be happy to help.

For further information please contact your Subject Librarian

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