ProQuest Health and Medical Collection – Quick Guide

COVERAGE
ProQuest Health and Medical Collection is a database which indexes the content of over 1500 publications with 1300 of these available in full text. Subject coverage includes medical sciences, nursing, pharmacology, fitness. The larger source ProQuest Complete Collection allows you to cross search a range of separate databases including MEDLINE and ABI /Inform Global.

ACCESS
- Log on to the Portal at http://portal.ulster.ac.uk
- Wait for the Athens Authentication banner to drop down
- 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 P.
- Scroll down to select ProQuest Health and Medical Collection.

SEARCHING
Click on: Basic Search.
Enter your search terms in the box provided.
A keyword should find the singular and plural of a word.
Use the question mark ? to substitute a letter in the middle of a word e.g. organi?ation to find organisation or organization. The asterisk * to get variant endings e.g. behavio* will find behaviour, behavior, behavioural, behavioral.

Use “quotation marks” to search for a phrase e.g. “genetic engineer*” In general, an assumed "AND" combination is used for spaces between terms.

Use the proximity operator NEAR followed by a forward slash / then the number of words the search terms can be separated by e.g. schizophren* NEAR/15 anxiet* will find documents where they are within 15 words of each other; “pulmonary embolism” NEAR/10 warfarin = within 10 words.

Use Boolean logic combination terms:
- AND between words or phrases to find all in the same document e.g. schizophren* AND anxiet*
- NOT to find the first keyword or phrase but exclude the second e.g. “Type 1 diabet*” NOT “Type 2 diabet*”
- OR between words or phrases to find either in the same document e.g. European or American spelling variants like paediatrics OR pediatrics.

Use (brackets) to control the order of search and combination – terms inside brackets first e.g. (paediatrics OR pediatrics) AND (cancer OR neoplasm).
Clicking in the box Peer reviewed will improve the quality of the articles found. Click on the Search icon.

An Advanced Search is available by clicking a link above the search box.

**VIEWING RESULTS**

Your results will be displayed as a list of references, with the total number of results found. Scroll down through items found.

On the left side of the screen you can reduce the number of results e.g. by: Peer reviewed; Scholarly Journals; Language; Publication year range.
Click on: **Preview** or **Abstract/Details** to get more details of the article.

If there is a **Full text – PDF** link this should open the article directly. If not click on: **U Find It**. This will search for the journal that this article is in. It may open the full text article or you may be directed to a publisher’s website or other full-text database source where the article may be available.

**Save** or **Print** the document.

**HELP**
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)
For assistance with all aspects of literature searching, contact a member of the Life and Health Sciences subject team who will be happy to help.

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