**Transcript – Find journal articles on the 'chiropractic treatment of whiplash' in the PubMed database (4 min) (REHA2163)**

This video will help you find journal articles in a library database for your assignment.

Let's look for articles about ’the role of chiropractic in the diagnosis and management of neck conditions’. Neck conditions is too broad, we need to choose something more specific for that region. For example; whiplash, herniated disc. Let’s do a search using the term whiplash

Before searching, think of some keywords and alternatives that best describe the topic.

Here are some suggestions. If you don’t get the best results from your first search, try another search with different words

Let's try PubMed. All articles you find in PubMed are from ‘scholarly / academic journals’ - and are all peer reviewed.

As you enter your search terms, the database will show some other similar search terms.
You may want to try these suggested terms in another search. Now we have our search results, but there are quite a few. Fortunately there are options to reduce the results number. Here are some suggestions to narrow your results.

For recently published material use publication date and select 5 years. ‘Additional filters’ will provide more options, such as choosing English only articles. ‘Article types’ is a great way to reduce your results number. Choose customize and see options such as ‘review’ or ‘systematic review’ or ‘randomized controlled trial’ or ‘case reports’ and many more.

Chiropractic has not been included in the search. We should include this search term to make the results more relevant. It will also help to narrow the number of search results.

Using the Advanced option will enable us to add another term to our search.

Our search history can be seen. We can select ‘add’ to include ‘chiropractic’ into the search builder. Let’s add ‘chiropractic’ to our search. Note that our two queries are combined using the boolean operator AND - this way our results should have BOTH concepts in the same journal article.

Our search results are brief. They contain the title for the paper, authors’ names, journal name, year, month, volume, and page numbers. Elements you will need to record to reference the paper in your assignment. To help you decide which articles to use in your assignment see if there is an abstract or summary of the article.

You can read the abstracts of articles by selecting the individual title link. Or to see abstracts for all of your search results select Summary ‘Link’ and then abstract. The abstract of the article will help you determine if the results are relevant, or if you need to re-do your search.

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