

HDAS users must note that the Medline and PsycINFO databases will be available for searching in HDAS with reduced fields and limit from 01 April for a limited period. Full details of the fields and limits that will be available during this period are available from the NICE Library & Knowledge Services staff Communities webpage.

Download the document: "[HDAS: Fields available from 1 April 2015 – Medline & PsycINFO](#)".

Most commonly used fields in HDAS for both Medline and PsycINFO and their equivalent on the ProQuest platform.

Field selected in HDAS	Search entered in HDAS	Search ProQuest Field can be in either upper or lowercase.
Title abstract field	(xxx.ti,ab)	AB, TI(xxx)
Any field	(xxx.af)	?ALL(Anywhere except full text)
Publication Type	(xxx.pt)	DTYPE(journal Article)
Title	(xxx.ti)	TI(xxx)
Journal name	("xxx".jn)	PUB(xxx)
Abstract	(xxx.ab)	AB(xxx)
Author	("xxx".au)	AU(xxx)
ISSN	(nnnn.is)	ISSN(nnnn)
Country of Publication	(xxx.cp)	CP(xxx)
Digital Object Identifier	(xxx.do)	DOI(xxx)
Date of Publication	(xxx.dp)	PD(20141201-20150228)
Entry Date	(xxx-xxx).ed	UP(xxx-xxx)
Institution	(xxx.in)	AF(xxx)
Language	(xxx.lg)	LA(xxx)
All Subjects	xxx/	SU(xxx)
Explode MESH	exp xxx/	MESH.EXACT.EXPLODE("xxx")
MESH with qualifier	xxx/bl [bl=yyy]	MESH.EXACT("xxx -- yyy")
Major MESH	*xxx/	MJMESH(xxx)
Population Group	xxx.po	POP(xxx)

Differences between HDAS and ProQuest

Examples

Field selected in HDAS	Saved search HDAS	Search ProQuest - Field can be in either upper or lowercase
Title abstract field	((stress OR exercise OR treadmill) ADJ1 (ECG OR EKG OR cardioscope OR test*).ti,ab	AB, TI ((stress OR exercise OR treadmill) NEAR/1 (ECG OR EKG OR cardioscope OR test*))
Any field	("primary care" OR "general practice" OR community OR GP).af	("primary care" OR "general practice" OR community OR GP)
Publication Type	"clinical trial".pt	DTYPE (clinical trial)
Title	(psychiatrist* OR cpn* OR "psychiatric nurse*" OR psychologist* OR psychotherapist* OR counsellor* OR counselor* OR "mental health staff" OR "mental health personnel").ti	TI (psychiatrist* OR cpn* OR "psychiatric nurse*" OR psychologist* OR psychotherapist* OR counsellor* OR counselor* OR "mental health staff" OR "mental health personnel")
Journal name	("clinical oncology".jn)	PUB_EXACT ("clinical oncology")
Abstract	(placebo.ab)	AB (placebo)
Author	("boyd k*".au) OR ("allen p*".au) OR ("allen pe*".au)	AU ("boyd k*" OR "allen p*" OR "allen pe*")
ISSN	0149-5992.is	ISSN (0149-5992)
Country of Publication	(britain OR england OR wales OR scotland OR "northern ireland").cp	CP (britain OR england OR wales OR scotland OR "northern ireland")
Digital Object identifier	(dx.doi.org/10.1186/1479-5876-8-34).do	DOI (10.1186/1479-5876-8-34)
Date of publication	(2015.dp)	YR (2015)
Entry date	(20091007-20091013.ed)	dcom (20091007-20091013)
Institution	((WALES.IN) OR (SCOTLAND.IN) OR ("NORTHERN IRELAND".IN) OR (UK.IN) OR (england.in) OR ("UNITED KINGDOM".IN))	AF (WALES OR SCOTLAND OR "NORTHERN IRELAND" OR UK OR England OR "UNITED KINGDOM")
Language	(English.lg)	LA (English)
All Subjects	DIABETES COMPLICATIONS/	su(diabetes complications)
Explode MESH	exp DIABETES COMPLICATIONS/	MESH.EXACT.EXPLODE ("Diabetes Complications")
MESH with qualifier	DIABETES COMPLICATIONS/bl [bl=Blood]	MESH.EXACT ("Diabetes Complications -- blood")
Major MESH	*DIABETES COMPLICATIONS/	mjmesh (diabetes complications)
Population group	Inpatient.po	Pop (inpatient)



How does my HDAS search maps in ProQuest?

Differences between HDAS and ProQuest

Fields available on the ProQuest Platform

ProQuest Platform Searchable Fields	Field available in PsycINFO only	Field available in Medline only
Abstract		
Abstract included		
Accession Number		
Age group		
Any field		
Author		
Author Affiliation		
Both ISSUE and PART are searched via the ISSUE field		
CAS Registry Number		Yes
Cited author	Yes	
Cited document title	Yes	
Cited reference	Yes	
Cited publication title	Yes	
Classification	Yes	
Contact individual	Yes	
Corporate author	Yes	
Date completed		Yes
Date range on advanced search page		
Dissertation number	Yes	
Document Status		Yes
Document Title		
Document Type		
Document status		
DOI		Yes
Email address	Yes	
Female		
Male		Yes
First author		
Grant information		
Humans / animals		Yes
ISBN	Yes	
ISSN		
Journal classification		Yes
Language (field/limit)		
Last updated		
Location	Yes	
Major MeSH		
Mesh subject		Yes
Methodology	Yes	
Other contributor		Yes
Other title		
Page		
Place of Publication		
Population	Yes	
Publication date		
Publication title		

Fields available on the ProQuest Platform - continued

ProQuest Platform Searchable Fields	Field available in PsycINFO <u>only</u>	Field available in Medline <u>only</u>
Publisher	Yes	
Revised Date		Yes
Series title	Yes	
Source Type: Peer Review?		
Source Type: Scholarly Journals		
Substance		Yes
Supplemental Data		
Table of contents		Yes
Target audience		
Test & measure		
Volume		
Year		

Tips:

- Fields can be searched together by stacking them for example AB, TI will search abstract and title fields together.
- In advanced search some of the fields may not display if you are searching more than one database.

FAQ

- **How do I access ProQuest?**

Click on the appropriate database link from <http://www.library.nhs.uk/hdas> . Use your NHS OpenAthens username and password to login then choose Medline or PsycINFO.

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- **Can I use truncation?**

Using an **asterisk** will allow you to find references containing the stem of your search word: so **medic*** will find references containing medic, medics, medical, medicine.

You can also specify the number of letters that can appear after the stem by using the question mark: **medic?** will retrieve references containing medic and medics but not medical or medicine.

- **Can I use left hand side truncation?**

Yes you can use left hand side truncation *chemistry will retrieve chemistry but also biochemistry, immunochemistry etc.

- **Can I use internal truncation**

yes you can use internal truncation. This is very useful in order to catch both British English and American English.

Behavio*r will retrieve both behaviour and behaviour.

Please note that by default ProQuest automatically searches for variant spelling. This is a feature that you can turn off in the setting are of MyResearch in the ProQuest platform.

- **What Boolean operators can I use?**

AND to find references that contain all of your search words: so **tonsil AND surgery** will find references that contain both tonsil and surgery.

OR to find references that contain any of your search words: **heart OR cardiac** will find all references that contain either heart, cardiac, or both.

NOT to find all references that contain the first search word, excluding those that also contain the second search word: **allergy NOT peanut** will find papers about allergies other than peanut allergy.

- **How do I search for a specific phrase?**

Use **inverted commas** to find a phrase: **"british medical journal"** will find only references that contain the exact phrase "british medical journal".

- **How do I use proximity operators?**

NEAR will find two terms within ten words of each other whatever the order.

You can use NEAR/2 or NEAR/3 etc. to find references with two words within the specified number of words of each other, in any order: **chronic NEAR/2 condition** will find references containing phrases such as "chronic condition", "chronic pain condition" "condition of chronic",

where the two search words are either next to each other or within two words of each other.

- Use **brackets** to combine search words so you can use different operators: **(chronic OR acute) condition** will find references containing condition and either chronic, acute or both chronic and acute.
- By default the ProQuest search engine searches include US and UK spellings and include plurals, comparatives (taller), and superlatives (tallest).
- **Can I prevent ProQuest from automatically including US and UK spellings and plurals, comparatives (taller), and superlatives (tallest) in my searches?**
Yes, you can switch both options off in the preference section of MyResearch. Those preferences will be remembered for the next time you login to ProQuest using your MyResearch account.

More info

Platform information

- ProQuest Quick Reference overview : http://media2.proquest.com/documents/qsg_np.pdf
- ProQuest User guide http://media2.proquest.com/documents/userguide_np.pdf
- Youtube videos <http://youtu.be/onk6sX77Tz8?list=PL-aFAdxOSTDdUyiF07Zu5t2XwpGjh-DID>

Content specific documentation

PsycINFO Libguide: <http://proquest.libguides.com/psycinfo>

Proquest Nursing and Allied Health Libguide: <http://proquest.libguides.com/pqhmc>
<http://proquest.libguides.com/pqnaahs>