Quick Guide to MD Consult

What is MD Consult?

MD Consult Core Collection provides answers to clinical questions, divided into these categories:

- Reference books
- Journals
- Drug information
- Drug updates
- News
- Current practice
- Practice guidelines
- Patient handouts
- Student union

Full text coverage includes over 40 medical books, 78 journals, 1000 clinical practice guidelines, 3500 customizable patient education handouts, and prescribing information for over 30,000 medications.

MD Consult also provides access to MEDLINE, Clinical Topic Tours, Clinical Insights and Continuing Medical Education.

Starting a search

1. Click on Articles from the Distributed eLibrary homepage
2. Click on M, select MD Consult
3. Click on Open Generic Account

Keyword or phrase searching

Enter your search terms in the box at the top of the screen to search all categories. Boolean operators AND OR and NOT are supported (use capitals).

MD Consult automatically searches for variant spelling at the end of words, or you can use an asterisk * to search for variant spelling within words. The question mark “?” is a one-character wildcard, eg. "parasit?” will find parasite, but not parasitic. Any search term using wildcards must begin with at least 3 actual letters.

You can specify particular fields to search, eg. for articles which have the term "perfusion therapy" in their title, enter: “perfusion therapy [ti]” in the search box.

Search Results Summary is displayed on the right, sorted by categories. Select a link from any category to view the detailed search results.
Use **Advanced Search** to limit to a particular category such as Journals/MEDLINE, Drug Information, Current Practice, Practice Guidelines or Patient Handouts.

Click on **Advanced Search** under the main search window at the top of the screen, choose a category from the drop down menu, then enter your search terms and click on search.

**Journals/MEDLINE** search provides more options:

- Switch on the MD Consult **Thesaurus** to add closely related terms to your search phrase. eg. a query on "T-cells" will also include the term "T-lymphocytes."
- Search by **Author**, First Initial (FI) and Middle Initial (MI).
- Search by **Journal Name**. This enables you to search within that journal.
- Limit by date in the **Publication Date** box, or select a range of years from the **Year** drop down menu.
- **Focus** the search by choosing Diagnosis, Reviews, Cochrane, Etiology, Opinions, Therapy, Trials or Prognosis from the drop down menu.
- Specify Human or Animal **Study Group**.
- Specify a **Subject Age**.

**Sort** options are defaulted to relevance, with full text articles first. Other options are strictly by relevance (without regard to full-text), or by publication date, with the most recent articles first.

**Practice Guidelines** provides the following options:

- Thesaurus
- Author
- Subject age
- Year

**Drugs**

- Drugs searches Mosby's Drug Consult by indication, class, generic name or brand name.
Browsing

Browse the categories by clicking the tabs at the top of the page, eg. click on **Drugs** to see this menu.

**Drugs** includes Comparative Tables of classes of drugs, Drug Identification (by manufacturer’s imprint), drug information by source, category and FDA classification, Ingredients, and Supplier Information.

**Current Practice** includes Clinical Topic Tours, Clinical Insights and Practice Guidelines.

**Learning Center** includes online CME and Student Union.

For each category browsed, you can select the tabs at the top to change views, eg. in **Drugs**, select either Contents or Updates; in **Reference Books**, select either Contents or Index.

Displaying and marking search results

Sort the results of your search by date, strict relevance, or full text/relevance.

You can view the journal article’s abstract, full text, or year book by clicking the corresponding icon, when these resources are available.

Note: Access to full text is limited to those journals available to WCMCQ through MD Consult. To access contents of other journals, check the Journals List on the WCMCQ eLibrary web site.

From your search results, you can find similar journal articles by clicking the **Find Similar Articles** link next to each article.

In **Practice Guidelines**, **Find Similar Articles** will find Journal Articles using the same subjects as your guideline.
Printing, saving or emailing citations

Use the 'Print Preview' button to load the content you wish to print into a new pop-up window.

Click the 'Print Page' button on the pop-up window to print the content.

More Options

My Folder is your personal place to organize bookmarks and to save searches within MD Consult. Generic Account does not allow the user access to My Folder for bookmarking and saving searches. This is available to users of the Personal Account, which requires the user to register and access MD Consult Core Collection with a login and password.

Using Generic Account, you can access the last search you performed by clicking on Last results in the search window at the top of every screen.

Help

Click on the Help icon in the top right hand corner. The Help System opens in its own window. To leave Help, close the window or click on the To Return to MD Consult, Close This Window link at the top of the page.

Logging Off

It is necessary to log off so other library patrons can access the database. Closing the browser may not shut down the database. To close MD Consult, click on the Exit icon at the top right hand side of the screen.

Do not hesitate to Ask a Librarian for further assistance!