Quick Guide to Web of Science

What is Web of Science?

- Web of Science is a database for finding information about articles that have been cited, and articles that cite others.
- Coverage spans a wide variety of subjects, including medicine and the life sciences.

Starting a search

1. Go to the Distributed eLibrary Homepage http://delib.qatar-med.cornell.edu
2. Click on Databases
3. Choose W, then click on Web of Science

Keyword or phrase searching

1. To perform a search, click in the Quick search box and enter a keyword or phrase related to your topic.
2. Press the enter key or click the Go button to begin and view your results.

Combining two or more terms

1. Use AND to retrieve all of the terms: e.g. aspirin AND arthritis.
2. Use OR to retrieve any of the terms: e.g. osteoarthritis OR arthritis.
3. Use NOT to eliminate terms: e.g. arthritis NOT rheumatoid.

TIP: AND, OR and NOT must be in upper case.
Limiting a search

1. **Basic limits** are found on the main page. You can choose to limit which citation databases you want to search and the date range.
2. For other limit options, click on the **Advanced Search** button.
3. The additional limits on this screen are language and article type.
4. Choose the appropriate limits and type in the number of the search set you want to apply the limits to: e.g. #1
5. Click on the **Search** button.

**TIP:** You can also use this page to combine previous search sets.

Displaying and marking search results

1. After performing a search the results will display in summary format.
2. Click on the adjacent **check box** to select records of interest.
3. On the right side of the results page you are provided with options for sorting, outputting and analyzing your search results.
4. After selecting records of interest, choose **Selected records** and click on the **Add To Marked List** button.

**TIP:** Click on the **GET IT @WCMC-Q** button to access the full-text article. Follow the ILL link if the full-text is not available.
Printing, saving or emailing citations

1. Click on the link to go to the Marked List page.
2. Now you can choose which fields of the record you want: e.g. Author, Title, Source, etc.
3. The second step requires you to Select an option: e.g. Format for print, Save to File, Export to Reference Software or E-mail Records.

Help

1. If you need more help than this instructional handout, check the link to Information for New Users on the main page. There you will find tutorials and search examples.
2. While running searches, you can also choose the Help button at the top of each page.
3. Do not hesitate to Ask a Librarian for assistance!

Logging off

1. To log off, simply click on the Log Out button at the top of each page.

NOTE: Please log off to ensure the database is available for the next user versus an error message about exceeded licenses.