

How to Use: CINAHL Complete

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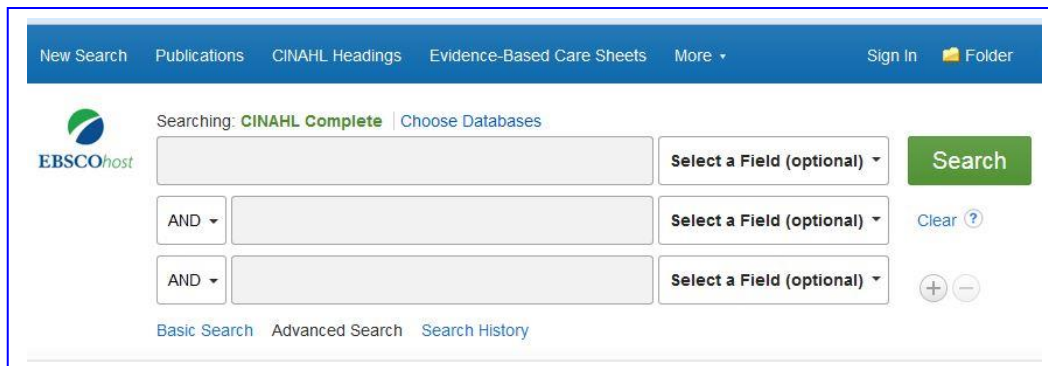
CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature) **Complete** is an online periodical index with over six million records that provides citations and abstracts of articles for over 5,500 current nursing and allied health journals and other publications dating back to 1937. *CINAHL Complete* covers nursing, biomedicine, alternative complementary medicine, consumer health and 17 allied health disciplines.

To Start

- 1) Go to [library homepage](#)
- 2) Click on [Databases A-Z](#)
- 3) Click on **CINAHL Complete**

Searching

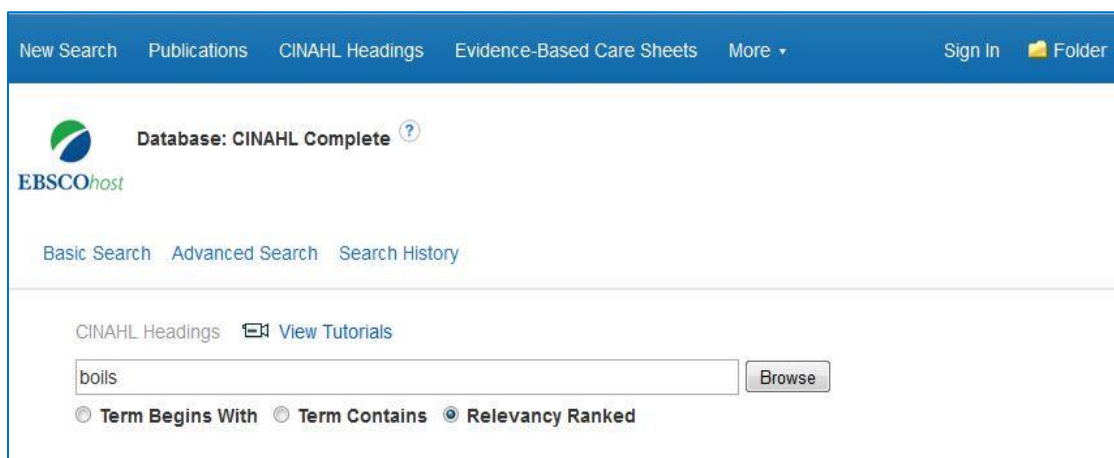
You will automatically be brought to the Advanced Search – Keyword search screen. This is not the most effective way to search on a particular topic. We recommend that you click on **CINAHL Headings** at the top of the screen.



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with links for 'New Search', 'Publications', 'CINAHL Headings', 'Evidence-Based Care Sheets', and 'More'. There are also 'Sign In' and 'Folder' options. Below the navigation bar, the EBSCOhost logo is visible. The main search area contains a search box with the text 'Searching: CINAHL Complete | Choose Databases'. To the right of the search box is a 'Search' button. Below the search box are three rows of search criteria, each with an 'AND' dropdown, a search box, and a 'Select a Field (optional)' dropdown. There is also a 'Clear' button and a '+' '-' button. At the bottom of the search area are links for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'Search History'.

CINAHL Headings is the *controlled vocabulary thesaurus* which allows you to check whether you are using the correct terms in your search. Finding the proper terms before you begin searching will help you save time.

If you were looking for information on boils, you would type “**boils**” in the box, then click **Browse**.



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Our result shows that the correct **CINAHL Heading** for ‘boils’ is the term ‘**Furunculosis**.’ Searching with *this* term will give us the complete results for our topic.

Results For: boils

Check box to view subheadings. | Click linked term for tree view.

Explode (+) | Major Concept | Scope

Boils Use: [Furunculosis](#)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Furunculosis | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steam | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distillation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Note: If you are only interested in the general topic of ‘**Furunculosis**,’ put a check in the box to the left of the term, do not select any Subheadings, and click on the green **Search Database** button.

Click *on* the word ‘**Furunculosis**’ to see the **Tree View** screen, which shows the relationships for the specific term for which you are searching. For example, Furunculosis and Impetigo are both under the broader topic of Staphylococcal Infections, which is under the still-broader topic of Gram-Positive Bacterial Infections, etc. Putting a check mark in the box on the left side of the screen next to your term will bring up the **Subheadings** menu you can use to select related sub-headings.

[← Back to Term List](#) **Tree View For: Furunculosis**

Check box to view subheadings. | Click linked term for tree view.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Bacterial and Fungal Diseases |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Bacterial Infections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Gram-Positive Bacterial Infections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Staphylococcal Infections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Furunculosis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Impetigo |

You can also use ‘**Major Concept**’ to limit your search to articles where Furunculosis is the main focus. If you do **NOT** put a check in the ‘**Major Concept**’, box you will get articles in which Furunculosis is mentioned, but is not necessarily the main focus of the article.

Note: Just because there is a subheading in the list, it does **NOT** mean that there are results for it. There *may not* be any articles on the diagnosis of Furunculosis. The list covers all the subheadings that are associated with the subject term, but it does not guarantee that an article on the area has been published.

Now that you have refined your search, click on the **Search Database** button.

VIEWING the Results

After a successful search, you will see a list of article citations. A **citation** is all the information you need to identify and locate an article: article title, author(s), journal title, date, page number, etc.

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Periodical

Stollery, Nigel; Practitioner, Jun2014; 258(1772): 32-33. 2p. (Journal Article) ISSN: 0032-6518
PMID: 25102575

Subjects: Furunculosis Diagnosis; Granuloma Diagnosis; Hair Diseases Diagnosis;
Hematoma Diagnosis; Neurofibroma Diagnosis; Neoplasms, Basal Cell Diagnosis; Skin
Neoplasms Diagnosis



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Detailed Record

Clicking on the article title will bring you to the Detailed Record. Look at the links to the **Major** and **Minor Subjects**. These are links to related subject headings that will take you to articles on those topics.

Lumps and bumps.

Authors: Stollery, Nigel

Source: [Practitioner \(PRACTITIONER\)](#), 2014 Jun; 258 (1772): 32-3.

Publication Type: journal article

Language: English

Major Subjects: [Furunculosis -- Diagnosis](#)
[Granuloma -- Diagnosis](#)
[Hair Diseases -- Diagnosis](#)
[Hematoma -- Diagnosis](#)
[Neurofibroma -- Diagnosis](#)
[Neoplasms, Basal Cell -- Diagnosis](#)
[Skin Neoplasms -- Diagnosis](#)

Minor Subjects: [Furunculosis -- Therapy](#); [Granuloma -- Therapy](#); [Hair Diseases -- Therapy](#); [Hematoma -- Therapy](#); [Neoplasms, Basal Cell -- Therapy](#); [Skin Neoplasms -- Therapy](#); [Umbilicus](#)

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1. The easiest way is if the article is available full-text. You will know it is available when you see the “HTML Full Text” or “PDF Full Text” located beneath the citation. All you need to do is click on one of these links and it will bring up the article.

1. [Facial furuncle on 3-year-old boy camping in Ontario.](#)



Academic Journal

Slinger R; Scholten T; CMAJ: Canadian Medical Association Journal, 4/29/2003; 168(9): 1159-1159. 1p. (Journal Article - case study, pictorial) ISSN: 0820-3946 PMID: 12719323

Subjects: Furunculosis Diagnosis; Insect Bites and Stings; Child, Preschool: 2-5 years; Male

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Derk, Chris. *Patient care* Volume: 34 Issue 8 (2000) ISSN: 0031-305X Online ISSN: 1939-1897

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-  [Business Insights: Essentials](#) 1984-01-15 - 2006-08-01

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