

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT *MOSBY'S INDEX*

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Answers

Q: What is Mosby's Index?

A: Mosby's Index is a nursing and allied health abstracts and indexing database from Mosby/Elsevier. It provides superior access to the evidence in the nursing and allied health literature through powerful, easy-to-use search capabilities.

Q: How is Mosby's Index delivered?

A: Mosby's Index is implemented in two ways: as a standard part of (integrated with) Mosby's Nursing Consult and as a Standalone product. However, the Standalone product provides extensive capabilities that allow users to easily execute and refine searches, saving time in obtaining the information they need. The Integrated version offers the same search capabilities that are available on [Mosby's Nursing Consult](#), but records date back to 1995, as opposed to 1974.

Q: For how many titles does Mosby's Index have citations and abstracts?

A: Mosby's Index contains citations for 2,889 active titles in nursing and allied health. About 68% of these citations include abstracts.

Q: How many years of journals are included in Mosby's Index?

A: Mosby's Index includes records as far back as 1974.

Q: Can I search for evidence-based content in Mosby's Index?

A: Yes, you can select the following Evidence Types:

- Cochrane Review (from 2006)
- Meta Analysis
- Systematic Review
- Controlled Clinical Trial
- Randomized Controlled Trial

Q: Does Mosby's Index provide full text of articles?

A: As an abstracting and indexing database, Mosby's Index does not offer the full text of articles. However, the product does provide 2 ways to access full text:

1. OpenURL capability so that libraries that hold subscriptions to electronic journals can link their users to the full text of those holdings.

2. Elsevier Linking Hub, which provides access to the full text contained in other Elsevier products that you license, such as Journals Consult..

Q: Where can I find a list of itemized journals?

A: Ask your sales representative for a list of journals.

Q: What major search capabilities does the Standalone version offer?

A: You can choose from 6 major search forms, located in easy-to-find tabs along the top of the screen.

1. Quick
2. Advanced
3. Drug
4. Disease
5. Article
6. Author

Note: Searches executed from the Drug and Disease tabs obtain results only from the roughly 1,500 EMBASE titles that are included in Mosby's Index.

Q: What is the difference between Quick and Advanced Search?

A: Quick Search is designed to allow you to execute easy yet powerful searches without having to learn a complex search language. Quick Search aims to give you the maximum number of results and therefore the default is set for Extensive Search.

Advanced Search provides much more control of your search. For instance, you can choose whether to turn on keyword searching and explosion searching. You can also choose whether to limit searches by *Evidence-based practice* and *Publication types*. Finally, you can limit searches by a wide range of limits under the *Show Limits* section.

Q: What major browse capabilities does the Standalone version offer?

A: There are 2 ways to browse Mosby's Index:

1. Journals Alphabetically
2. Journals by Topic

Q: How can I limit my search?

A: Mosby's Index provides a range of limits, including the following:

- Nursing titles
- Peer-reviewed titles
- Inventories, questionnaires, rating scales
- Research

Q: Are there unique titles in Mosby's Index?

A: Yes, Mosby's Index offers 1,096 titles that are not currently indexed in MEDLINE. It offers 1,661 titles that are not currently indexed in CINAHL. It offers 644 titles that are not currently indexed in CINAHL or MEDLINE. To obtain the list of unique titles, contact your sales representative.

Q: How many active titles does Mosby's Index have compared to CINAHL?

A: Mosby's Index has 1,059 more active titles than CINAHL.

Q: Does Mosby's Index include MEDLINE?

A: Mosby's Index includes selected titles from MEDLINE.

Q: What thesaurus does Mosby's Index use?

A: Mosby's Index uses the EMTREE thesaurus, Elsevier's leading Life Science thesaurus. It is hierarchically structured, controlled vocabulary. To make sure that it is highly relevant for nursing, a significant number of nursing terms were added to EMTREE.

Q: What is the EMTREE Tool?

A: The EMTREE Tool allows you to explore the EMTREE thesaurus and build powerful searches. The search box on top of the screen allows addition of multiple terms and commands such as the Boolean operators AND, OR or NOT and Mosby's Index limits and subheadings. The Tool contains 3 tabs:

1. **Find Term.** The Find Term box allows you to look up a specific term. Type any word(s) you want to learn about (without quotes) and click Find. EMTREE shows an alphabetical list (known as a Permuted index) of all terms containing the word(s) you typed, including synonyms.

2. **Browse by Facet.** When you click Browse by Facet, the 15 top levels (facets) of Emtree's hierarchical tree are displayed, starting with Anatomical concepts.
3. **Browse A-Z.** You can browse an alphabetical listing of the Emtree thesaurus by going to the Browse A-Z section of Emtree Tool. Type in a first letter or term and hit return to go into the listing and then browse by scrolling or typing in another term or letter. If no exact match is found the closest match is presented.

Q: What other capabilities does the product provide?

A: The product offers the ability to

- Save search queries and store them in folders
- Set up e-mail alerts that automatically re-execute searches weekly and deliver them via e-mail.
- Save citations and store them in Clipboards.
- Print search queries and citations

Q: Can I receive alerts when a new table of contents is loaded for a specific journal?

A: You can use the E-mail alert feature as a type of Table of Contents alert for any of the 2,889 journals in Mosby's Index.

Set up your TOC E-mail alert in 3 easy steps:

1. In the Article tab, enter the name of the journal. Make sure you have checked Exact for Journal title, to ensure that you are getting the specific journal desired.
2. Execute the search.
3. Set up an E-mail alert as usual.

Now, every week, you will receive an e-mail with any new citations that have been loaded to Mosby's Index from that specific journal.

Note: You may not get back a full TOC of the journal all at one time, but rather a partial TOC. This is because sometimes not all titles from the TOC load at the same time.

Q: How does EMTREE spell-checking work?

A: EMTREE spell check was designed to validate each term in a query and highlight any defect parts a query might have. EMTREE automatically runs a spell check in all searches mapped to preferred terminology (this is usually the default option). If the term(s) in your search query is misspelled or the term you entered is not found in EMTREE, you are warned about this and suggestions are given to replace each defect term. The spell check is displayed in Session Results.

Once EMTREE has identified a possible misspelling, EMTREE spell check displays your search query and each defect term is underlined in blue. A message displays the number of defect terms within your query and allows you to make editorial changes as necessary.

Q: What is meant by “cover-to-cover” policy?

A: Mosby's Index has a “cover-to-cover” policy. This means that all items in every issue of every journal are covered, provided that the items belong to one of eight item types (see below). This contrasts with a “selective” policy (as implemented by CINAHL) where, for a significant number of journals, particular items are excluded on the basis that their content does not fit with the published scope. In past years (1995-2002) fewer than 50 journals covered by Mosby's Index were selectively covered (for drugs information only).

As a result of this policy, searchers can be confident that they have access to almost all the information published in journals covered by Mosby's Index. The eight item types indexed in Mosby's Index are defined as follows:

- **Article:** original research or opinion
- **Review:** significant review of original research
- **Short Survey :** short or minireview of original research
- **Conference Paper:** original article reporting data presented at a conference or symposium
- **Letter:** letter to or correspondence with the editor
- **Editorial:** item summarizing several articles or providing editorial news
- **Note:** note, discussion or commentary
- **Erratum:** item reporting an error, correction or retraction of a previously published paper

Q: Is Mosby's Index a subset of EMBASE?

A: No. Mosby's Index contains EMBASE journals **plus the addition of roughly 1,000 journals not indexed in EMBASE**. It is a unique, specific offering.

EMBASE and Mosby's Index share roughly 1,500 titles. For these overlapping titles, both databases offer cover-to-cover coverage of citations and abstracts, and share subject indexing based on the EMTREE thesaurus and other indexing as traditionally defined for EMBASE.

The databases differ in the scope and coverage of their unique titles. Mosby's Index coverage is specifically oriented towards nursing and allied health, while EMBASE has more extensive coverage of the clinical, pharmacological and biomedical research literature. The MI-unique titles are also subject-indexed using EMTREE in order to provide consistency of indexing across the entire database

Q: Does Mosby's Index include the PubMed unique identifier (PMID) for articles?

A: Not at this time.

Q: Is there a session timeout?

A: As long as the user keeps the browser open and does not delete the session cookies, their session will not time out.

Q: Is Athens access available?

A: Yes, Mosby's Index offers users the ability to access the product via the Athens Access Management System.

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