## Major OT Databases Online

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| CINAHL (on EBSCO)              | 1982 -                 | 2700+ journals
Also indexes selected books, pamphlets, dissertations, audiovisuals in nursing & allied health | Nursing & allied health literature
Good coverage for rehabilitation and Canadian journals                             | Wildcard ?
Truncation *                                         | CINAHL Headings
Strong for OT topics
Tutorial: [http://guides.library.ubc.ca/CINAHL](http://guides.library.ubc.ca/CINAHL) |
| Medline (indexed part of PubMed; also available through Ovid and EBSCO) | 1946 – Daily update    | 5,000 journals (~1,600 indexed cover-to-cover)                         | Over 28 million citations. Broadly biomedical
Clinically-oriented; more than 60% of material directly related to human medicine | PubMed
Truncation * (stops Mapping and picks up first 600 variations)
Ovid
Wildcard #
(1 character)
Wildcard ?
(0 or 1 characters)
Truncation $ or : | - MeSH
- many document/publication types available
Tutorials:
[NLM Tutorials for Pubmed](http://guides.library.ubc.ca/ovid)
Medline (Ovid) at [www.guides.library.ubc.ca/ovid](http://guides.library.ubc.ca/ovid) |
| Embase (on Ovid)               | 1980 – Weekly update   | 5,000 journals (~1,000 cover-to-cover)                                 | Broadly biomedical
Comparable to Medline, but more preclinical material.
Coverage of rehabilitation journals not indexed in Medline. Strengths in European & Japanese literature | Wildcard #
(1 character)
Wildcard ?
(0 or 1 characters)
Truncation $ or : | - EMTREE
- thesaurus esp. strong for rehabilitation topics
See the Medline |
Truncation *                                                                 | Thesaurus strong for psychological terms. Different structure from CINAHL |

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<td>ERIC (on Ebscohost)</td>
<td>1969 -</td>
<td>Over 980 citations and abstracts</td>
<td>Educational and education-related journals, primarily American with some Canadian and British publications</td>
<td>Wildcard ? Truncation *</td>
<td>Thesaurus; strong for education related terms</td>
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<td>Cochrane DB of Systematic Reviews (on Ovid)</td>
<td>Quarterly update</td>
<td>Currently holds 3700+ systematic reviews &amp; 1900+ protocols</td>
<td>Health/clinical medicine Systematic reviews and protocols for future reviews from 50 Cochrane Groups</td>
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<td>Ceased updating March 2015</td>
<td>Currently holds ~9400 full text structured abstracts/critical reviews of systematic reviews</td>
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<td>OTSeeker</td>
<td>Earliest publication = 1955</td>
<td>Various OT and medical journals</td>
<td>Highly specialized for OT, containing abstracts of systematic reviews and RCTs</td>
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<td>- keyword search only - Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) allowed - phrase search use “ ” - for proximity searching, use NEAR - also see Intervention and Diagnosis/Subdiscipline drop down menus for standardized phrases/terms</td>
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<td>HaPI (on OVID)</td>
<td>1985-</td>
<td>Information on measurement instruments</td>
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