



OvidSP databases: Saving a Search as an Alert (Email or RSS)



UBC Library subscribes to a number of databases (e.g. MEDLINE, EMBASE, EBM Reviews, Agricola, Health and Psychosocial Instruments) from the vendor OvidSP. These databases allow you to save searches as email alerts or RSS feeds. Both require that you set up an account.

Creating Email Alerts

To create an alert, do a search first. Once you are satisfied with the results, click on **Save Search History**.

<input type="checkbox"/>	# ▲	Searches	Results	Search Type	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	yoga/	1632	Advanced	Display More >
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Stress, Psychological/	91742	Advanced	Display More >
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	1 and 2	182	Advanced	Display More >

Remove Selected | Save Selected | Combine selections with: And Or

Save Search History

You will be prompted to login to your account. If you don't have one, click on **Create a new personal account**.

Next you can give your search a name and select **AutoAlert (SDI)** to save it as an email alert. Select the scheduling options, email options, report type, fields, etc. and click on the **Save** button.

Search Name: yoga | Comment: | Type: AutoAlert (SDI) | Save

AutoAlert Options

Scheduling Options

On Database Update[?]

Quarterly

Monthly - on day 1

Every other week - on Monday

Weekly - on Monday

Deduping Options

90 Days

Include Open Access Results

Delivery Options

Email

RSS

My Projects

Email | RSS | My Projects

Email Address & Subject

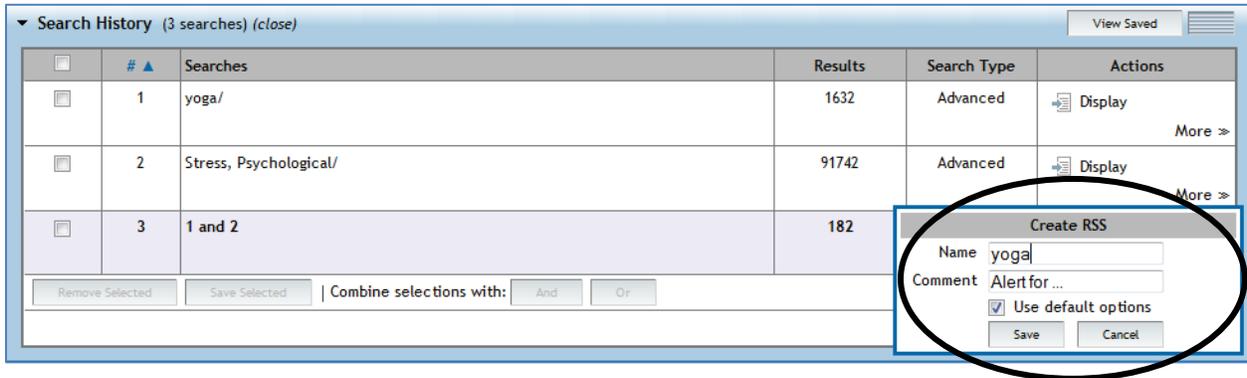
Separate multiple email addresses with commas. Do not use any spaces between the addresses.

Recipient's Email Address: sally.taylor@ubc.ca

Email Subject: Yoga -- OvidSP Results

Creating RSS Feeds

To create an RSS feed, do a search first. Once you are satisfied with the results, click on the RSS icon in the bottom right corner of the Search History. Then name the RSS feed and save it.



The next screen will give you an RSS icon that you can click on and add to your reader.



Creating Saved Searches

If you do not want email alerts or RSS feeds, you can simply save the search as **Permanent** and re-run it periodically to look for new citations. Login to your account, click on **My Workspace** and **My Searches & Alerts**, select a search, and click the **Run** button.

Editing Saved Searches and Alerts

Click on **My Workspace** and **My Searches & Alerts** to edit, delete or copy a saved search or alert. Using the **pencil icon**, you can edit the search strategy itself, changing search terms, or adding/deleting lines.

