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Agenda

- Embase content
- Embase indexing (inc. Emtree)
- Workshop with on-line examples

What is Embase?

A biomedical literature database with the most comprehensive journal and conference coverage and indexing

Content: Be confident you aren't missing important information

Find all relevant articles that may not otherwise be found by using alternative databases

Deep full-text indexing: Find relevant articles, no matter where a term is mentioned

All relevant, up-to-date, biomedical information from the research literature

Precise retrieval: Pinpoint the most relevant results

Deep and focused research using the most powerful retrieval tools

How does Embase deliver value?

...by including literature and information resources in a **timely manner**

Conference proceedings



Scientific Journals



In Press (unpublished)



We make sure you don't miss any biomedical literature

...by reading full-text to **identify drugs, diseases, adverse affects, clinical trials, drug trade names, etc.**

Deep indexing using own taxonomy (EMTREE)

The only close alternative is reading all the articles

...by enabling advanced search filters to **drill down** a comprehensive search to a relevant and manageable record set

Very powerful search environment

Good precision and recall balance

...by allowing users to **automate searching** and result management



E-mail Alerting



API

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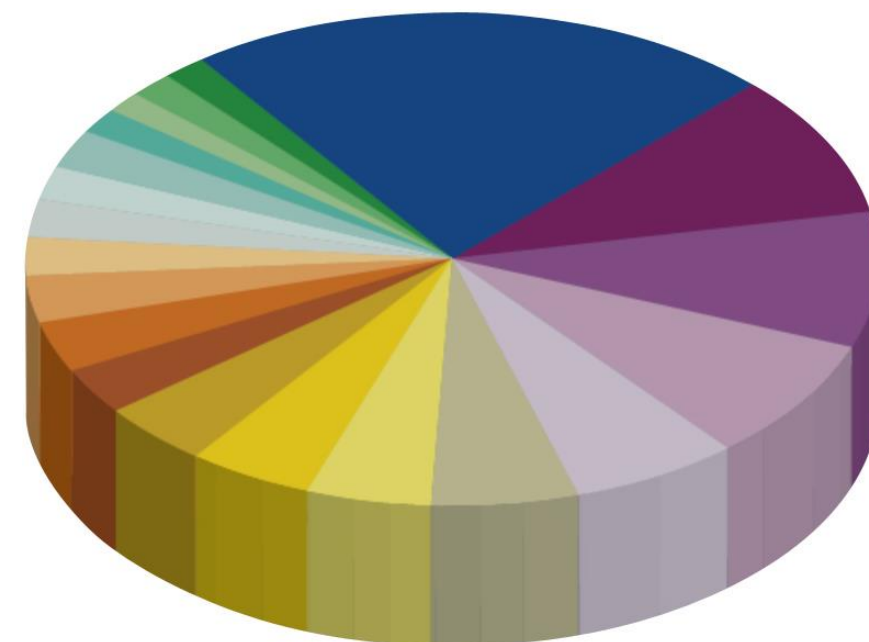
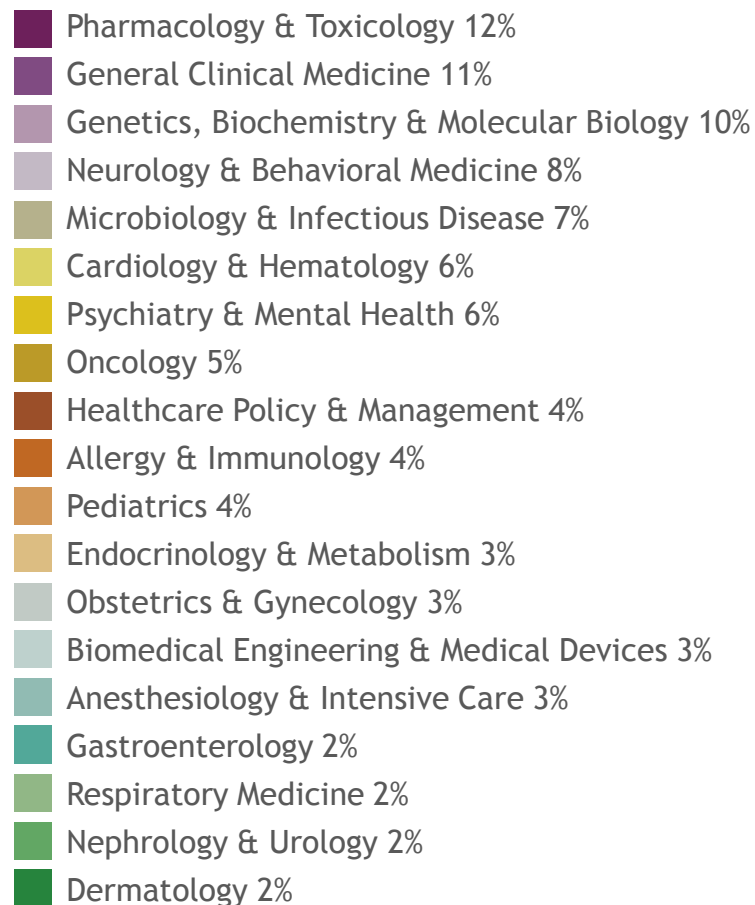
Interoperability

Automation and documentation

Embase content

Scope and coverage

Extensive coverage of peer-reviewed biomedical literature



Other topics 28%
Including public health, basic biomedical science and topics included from MEDLINE

Comprehensive content coverage

On average > 5,000 records added each workday

Embase: Now covers over 8,500 journals/30 million records

Indexed at Embase (over 5,700 titles)

Indexed by MEDLINE (e.g. on PubMed) (over 5,500 titles)

Over 2,700 journals

Indexed at Embase
Unique to Embase

Search:

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Over 3,000 journals

Indexed at Embase
Also covered by MEDLINE

Search:

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[medline]/lim

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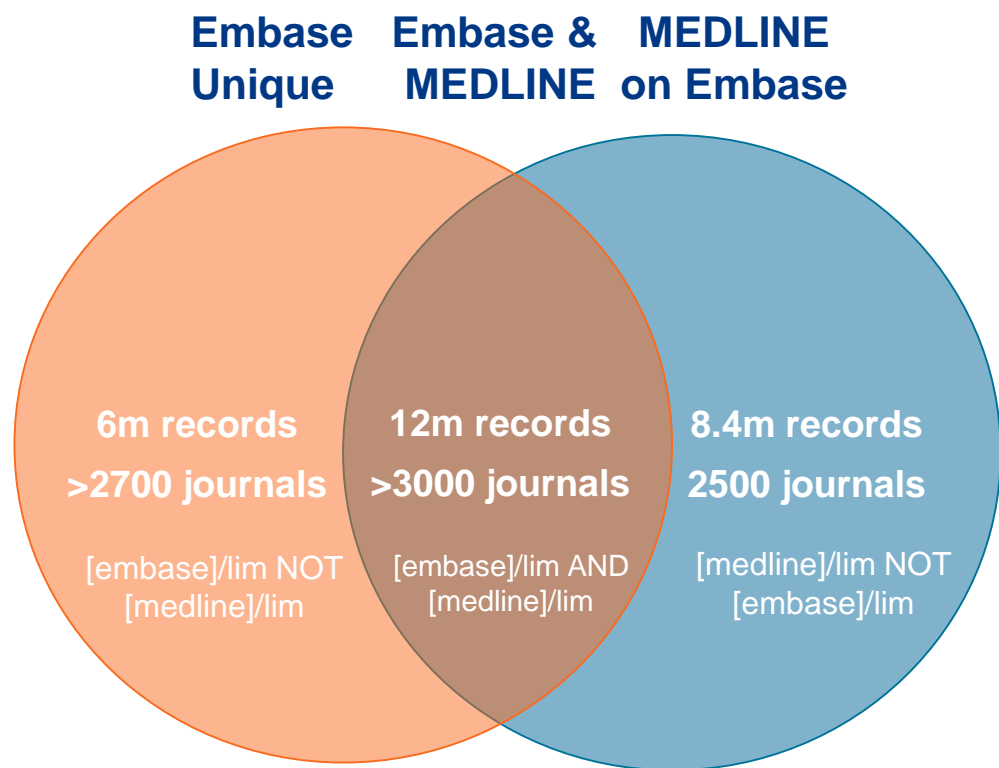
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Search:

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Comprehensive content coverage

Includes all of MEDLINE (PubMed) and much more



- Over **2,700 journals** not available on MEDLINE
- **Much more** coverage of **non-English** content
- Unique coverage of **1.75m conference abstracts** from >5,500 conferences (added since 2009)
- **In-depth drug, disease & device indexing** based on the Emtree Life Science thesaurus with **>2x as many indexed terms as MEDLINE** thesaurus (MeSH)



Embase indexing and Emtree

Indexing principles

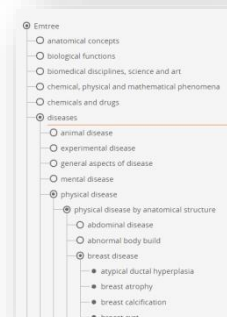
Indexing for Embase is a manual process performed by trained indexers with a biomedical background, with the exception of articles designated for automatic indexing.



Indexers read and analyze the full text of articles in order to identify relevant concepts, and index them with the most specific Emtree terms.



Index terms are controlled by the Emtree thesaurus resulting in consistent coverage of concepts that may be expressed in many different ways in the literature.



Embase indexing – what is Emtree?

Easy to search

- Over **71,000** preferred terms and more than **300,000** synonyms that map to the preferred term when searched

Comprehensive drug and Medical Device searching

- Chemical names, trade names, laboratory/research codes, and more than **31,000** generic drugs and chemicals (FDA, EMEA and WHO)
- Over **3,000** specific terms for general and medical devices (e.g. endoscopes, catheters, prostheses) as well as several thousand terms for related medical procedures, (e.g. endoscopy, catheterization)

Up-to-date

- The latest drugs, diseases, organisms and procedures are indexed and added **3x** per year (with back-posting of older records). Includes all drug generic names described by FDA and EMA, all International Non-Proprietary Names (INNs) described by WHO from 2000

Inclusive terminology

- All MeSH terms, with links to more than **23,000** CAS registry numbers

Build powerful searches by browsing in Emtree

Browse Emtree

Query Builder ▼
Build a multi-term search query

Find Term

Browse by Facet

Type word or phrase (without quotes)
hypertensive agent X

Find Term >

For term: 'hypertensive agent'
Extend your search: ☒ Explode ☐ As major focus

Take this query to Drug Search >

Add to Query Builder >

Emtree

chemicals and drugs

cardiovascular agent

hypertensive agent 18,695 Records

4,8 bis(diethylamino) 2,6 bis(2-hydroxyethyl) 2-methoxyethylamino)pyrimido[5,4-d]pyrimidine

digitalis like factor

dimetofrine

etilefrine

etilefrine pivalate

gepefrine

gepefrine tartrate

hypertensive factor

marinobufagenin

midodrine

oxlofrine

History
This term was added to Emtree in 1974

Synonyms
antihypotensive agent; antihypotonic agent; hypertensive drug; pressor agent; vasopressor agent; vasopressor drug

Explore Emtree to see **relationships** between terms

Drug and disease terms are qualified by **searchable sub-headings** (e.g. **adverse drug reaction**) describing their precise role in the article

Mapping means that searchers get **the same results** regardless of which term they use, e.g. Vioxx (synonym) or rofecoxib (the preferred term) => **consistent coverage of concepts**

Workshop

- Setting up search strategies
- Managing session results

Searching basics to master

Where to begin

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The screenshot shows the Embase search interface with several callouts explaining search options:

- *NEW* PICO search**: Points to the 'PICO' option in the 'Search' dropdown menu.
- Simple & broad search**: Points to the 'Quick' option in the 'Search' dropdown menu.
- More complex search – more filters & limits**: Points to the 'Options' link in the 'Quick Search' section.
- Drug search**: Points to the 'Drug' option in the 'Search' dropdown menu.
- Disease search**: Points to the 'Disease' option in the 'Search' dropdown menu.
- Device search**: Points to the 'Device' option in the 'Search' dropdown menu.
- Search terminology**: Points to the 'Search Embase' button in the 'Browse' dropdown menu.

The interface includes a 'Quick Search' section with a search bar (e.g., 'cancer gene therapy'), a 'Search' button, and an 'Options' link. Below the search bar, there are search options: 'Search as broadly as possible (map, explode, search also as free text)' (checked) and 'Publication Years from: 2012 to 2016'. The 'Search' dropdown menu lists: Quick, Advanced, Drug, Disease, Device, Article, and PICO. The 'Browse' dropdown menu lists: Emtree, Journals, and Authors. The 'Search Embase' button is also visible in the 'Browse' dropdown menu.

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Feedback

Top tip: start all searches in Emtree!

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How to balance comprehension and precision (mapping)

- **To increase comprehension**

- Include sub-terms/derivatives with an explosion search
 - ✓ If a term has any more specific or narrower index terms within the Emtree thesaurus, they are also automatically retrieved as part of the search. That are searched together with a Boolean OR operation
- Include synonyms in a free text search

- **To increase precision**

- Incorporate limits
 - ✓ Quick such as humans, with abstracts, only in English, records added from (dates)
 - ✓ Advanced for article language, gender, age groups, etc.
- Restrict to records where your search term are indexed as the key point or major focus of the articles found
- Use disease, drug and device subheadings

Searching basics to master

E.g. How to get drug profiles in Embase – use of subheadings

Embase contains information on: Adverse drug reaction, drug combination, drug comparison, drug interaction, drug therapy - easily accessible and searchable.

Subheadings are Emtree terms that are also used as concept qualifiers for drugs, diseases and devices, **providing a very precise idea of what an article covers.**

Drug Search

The screenshot displays the Embase search interface. At the top, a search bar contains the text "e.g. 'low molecular weight heparin'". Below the search bar is a navigation bar with various filters: "Search >", "Mapping v", "Date v", "Sources v", "Drug fields v", "Drug subheadings ^", "Routes v", "Quick limits v", "EBM v", "Pub. types v", "Languages v", and "Search tips v". The "Drug subheadings" filter is currently selected and expanded, showing a list of subheadings with checkboxes. The subheadings are organized into three columns:

Subheadings		
<input type="checkbox"/> Adverse drug reaction	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug concentration	<input type="checkbox"/> Endogenous compound
<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug development	<input type="checkbox"/> Pharmaceuticals
<input type="checkbox"/> Drug administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug dose	<input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacoeconomics
<input type="checkbox"/> Drug analysis	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug interaction	<input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacokinetics
<input type="checkbox"/> Drug combination	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug therapy	<input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacology
<input type="checkbox"/> Drug comparison	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug toxicity	

Below the list of subheadings, there are two radio buttons for logical operators: "OR" and "AND".

*Triple linking also available on search results

Searching basics to master

Boolean operators

- The Boolean logical operators **AND**, **OR**, **NOT**, **NEAR** and **NEXT** can be used to combine search terms or query numbers in a variety of ways:
 - Depression **AND** tricyclic – Both words must be present in each record
 - Aged **OR** elderly **OR** geriatric – At least one word must be mentioned in each record
- Boolean operators can be combined and nested with parentheses within a single search statement:
 - (aged **OR** elderly **OR** geriatric) **AND** (depression **OR** insomnia)

Notes:

- If no other operator is specified, **AND** is the default operator; *heart failure* is searched as *heart AND failure* if not enclosed in quotation marks
- Boolean operators can be used in any search form, including Quick Search
- Phrases: searched in quotation marks; 'heart failure'

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Proximity operators

- Proximity operators let you search for words or phrases at any specified distance from each other

NEAR/n:

- This requests terms which are within 'n' words of each other, in either direction.

cardiac NEAR/5 catheter retrieves:

*"Despite complicated **cardiac** anatomy, **catheter** ablation of AT..."*

*"... patients undergoing **catheter** ablation for **cardiac** arrhythmias ..."*

*"...a continuous thermodilution **cardiac** output pulmonary artery **catheter**."*

NEXT/n:

- This requests terms which are within 'n' words of each other, in the order specified.

hip NEXT/3 prosthesis retrieves:

*"... rheumatoid arthritis, joint surgery, **hip** or knee **prosthesis** ..."*

*"metal on metal **hip** resurfacing, **prosthesis** failure (complication, diagnosis)..."*

Notes:

- The proximity operators NEAR and NEXT can be used with parentheses, truncation and field limits, for example: (symptom* NEAR/5 (headache* OR 'head ache')):TI,AB

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Wildcard operators

- **Wildcards (truncation characters) let you search for word roots, variations in spelling, many plural forms, etc.**
 - Variable truncation: Use an asterisk (*)
 - ✓ *sul*ur* retrieves *sulfur, sulphur*
 - ✓ *cat** retrieves *cat, cats, catalyst, catastrophe*
 - A question mark (?) indicates exactly one variable character
 - ✓ *sulf?nyl* retrieves records that contain words like 'sulfonyl' and 'sulfinyl'
 - ✓ *catheter?* retrieves records that contain words like 'catheters', but not 'catheter' or 'catheterization'

Notes:

- *Wildcards (*, ?) are now searchable in phrases e.g. 'heart infarct*' or "metabol* disorder"*
- The wildcard * cannot be used with fewer than two characters e.g. 'm* disorder' will not return results

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.....

For systematic searching

Population
Intervention
Comparison
Outcome
(S)tudy design

e.g. To compare evolution
in organ dysfunction (OD)
between hematologic
malignancy patients with
and without bacterial
infection (BI) precipitating
intensive care unit (ICU)
admission

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PICO

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Managing session results

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Searches free-text by default - add /exp to explode

Search ▾ Mapping ▾ Date ▾ Sources ▾ Fields ▾ Quick limits ▾ EBM ▾ Pub. types ▾ Languages ▾ Gender ▾ Age ▾ Animal ▾ Search tips ▾

Results Filters

+ Expand - Collapse all Apply ▾

Sources ▾
Drugs ▾
Diseases ▾
Devices ▾
Floating Subheadings ▾
Age ▾
Gender ▾
Study types ▾
Publication types ▾
Journal titles ▾
Publication years ▾
Authors ▾

History Save | Delete | Print view | Export | Email Combine ▾ using ☒ And ☐ Or Collapse ▾

☐ #1 'aspirin/exp OR 'aspirin'

183,416 results for search #1 | Show all abstracts

☐ **Results** View | Print | Export | Email | Order | Add to Clipboard

Select number of items ▾ Selected: 1 (1/183,416)

Sort by: ☐ Relevance ☒ Publication Year ☐ Entry Date

☐ 1 Knowledge regarding prescription of drugs among dental students: A descriptive study
Jain A., Gupta D., Singh J., Garg Y., Saxena A., Chaudhary H., Singh A., Gupta R.
Journal of Basic and Clinical Pharmacy 2016 7:1 (12-16)
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☐ 2 Polyphenols rich fraction from *Geoffroea decorticans* fruits flour affects key enzymes involved in metabolic syndrome, oxidative stress and inflammatory process
Costamagna M.S., Zanipini L.C., Alberto M.R., Cuello S., Torres S., Perez J., Quispa C., Schmida-Hirschmann G., Isla M.J.
Food Chemistry 2016 190 (302-402)
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☐ 3 The pharmacokinetics change of cefepime after Shuanghuanglian Injection administration in subjects with the renal damage
Chen H., Min J., Li X., Zhao W., Mi S., Wang N., Zhu C.
(In Process) *Drug and Chemical Toxicology* 2016 39:2 (129-136)

Feedback

Export, print or share results - choose from formats including RIS, text or CSV

Set up email alerts to automatically receive new search results (frequencies range from daily to yearly)

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Managing session results

Options for individual queries	Session options
<p data-bbox="131 534 372 575">View Results</p> <p data-bbox="131 654 208 695">Edit</p> <p data-bbox="131 773 915 872">Copy to Advanced Search (or to whichever form you started your search)</p> <p data-bbox="131 951 419 992">Set email alert</p> <p data-bbox="131 1071 372 1112">Set RSS feed</p>	<p data-bbox="1016 534 1103 575">Save</p> <p data-bbox="1016 654 1141 695">Delete</p> <p data-bbox="1016 773 1209 815">Print view</p> <p data-bbox="1016 893 1141 935">Export</p> <p data-bbox="1016 1013 1122 1055">Email</p>

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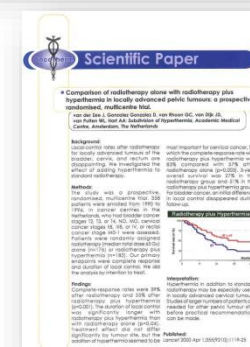
Triple linking in Embase

Indexing principles

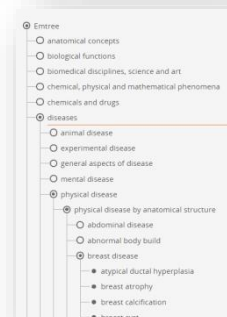
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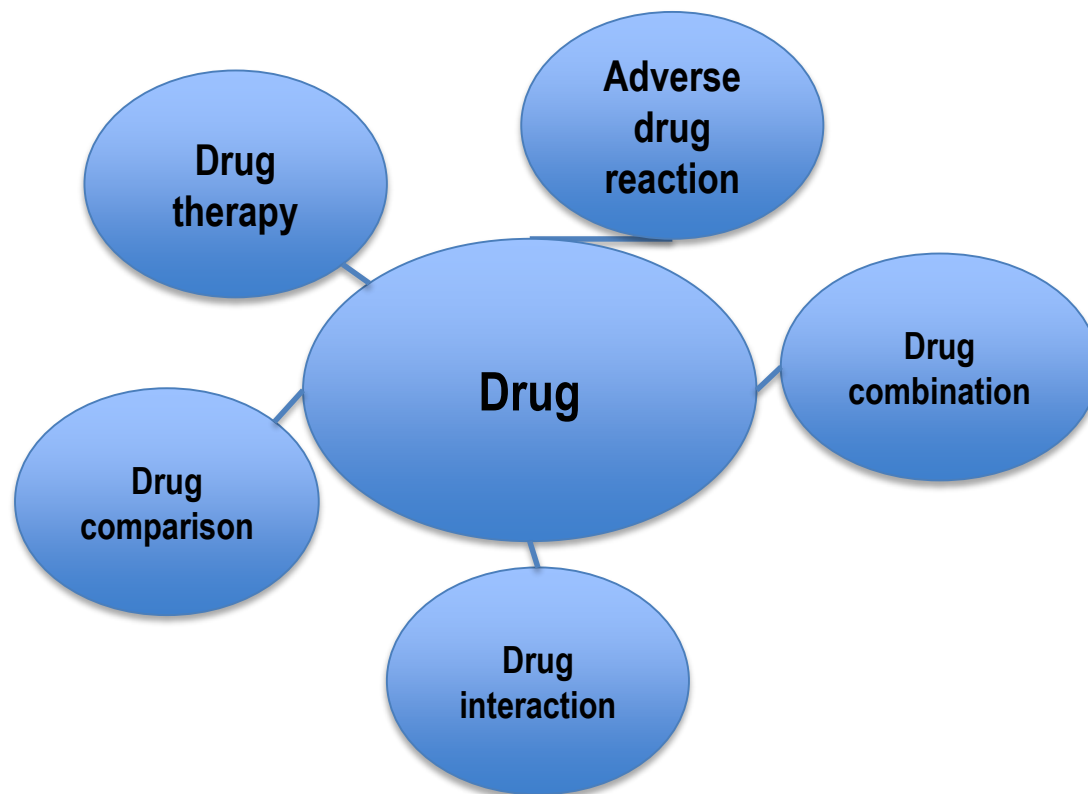


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Indexing: subheadings

Subheadings are Emtree terms that are also used as concept qualifiers for drugs, diseases and devices to refine their meaning, providing a very precise idea of what an article covers.



Indexing: key subheadings

Nine subheadings are denoted *key subheadings*.

Term	Key Subheading
drug	adverse drug reaction
drug	drug combination
drug	drug comparison
drug	drug interaction
drug	drug therapy
device	adverse device effect
device	device comparison
disease	drug therapy
disease	side effect

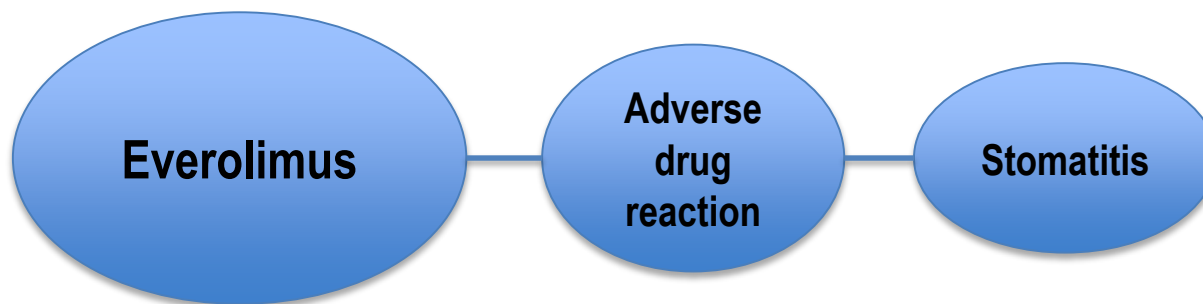
Indexing: triple-linking

Triple-indexing is three level indexing of the full text of an article.

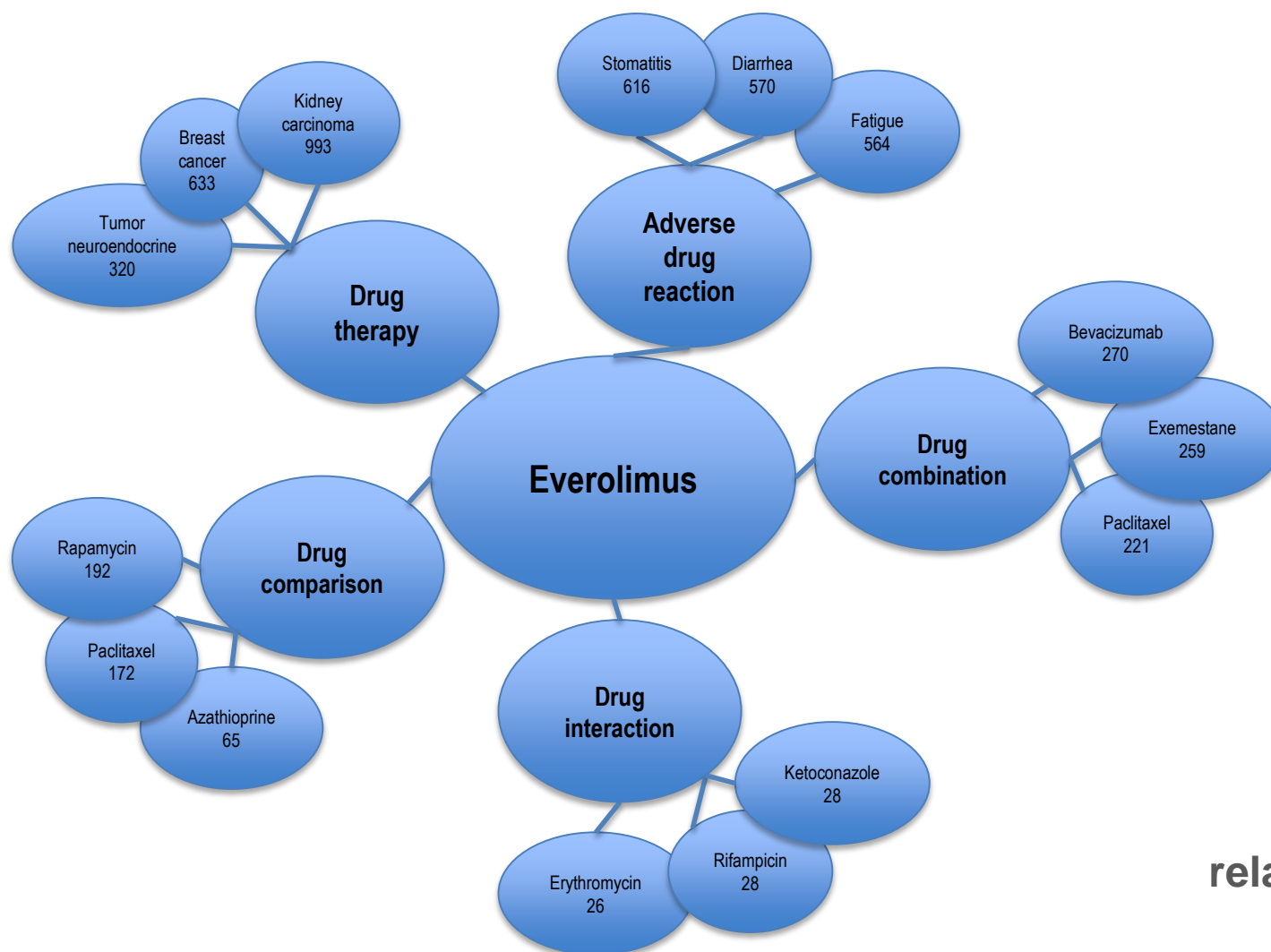
It consists of:

- Term (drug or device or disease)
- Key subheading (**relationship**)
- Linked terms (e.g. stomatitis, hypertension, stroke, nausea, etc.)

Triple indexing has started in Q1 of 2007 for the **drug triples** (drug therapy from Q2 of 2009). **Devices** began in Q2 of 2014.



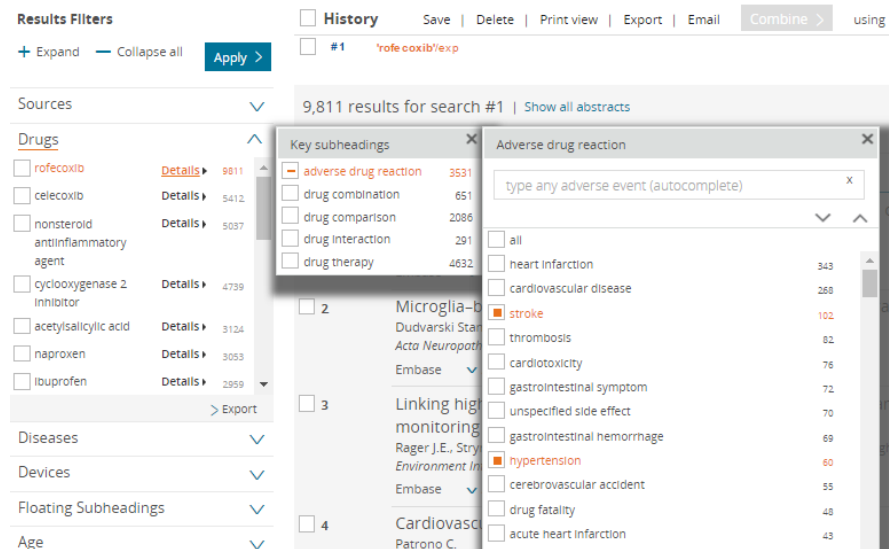
E.g. Triple indexing can be used to identify relationships of the drug Everolimus



Manually
extracted
semantic
relationships

Triple linking

1. New filter options



For each drug, device and disease key subheadings and linked terms can be visualised and filtered

2. New search query language

- "vioxx"/adverse drug reaction/'hypertension','stroke','nausea','vomiting'
- 'vioxx'/dd_ae/'hypertension','stroke'nausea','vomiting'

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PICO search in Embase

Using the new PICO search form

Select **PICO** from the drop down menu under **Search** in the main navigation bar.

The screenshot displays the Embase Quick Search interface. At the top, the Embase logo is on the left, and navigation links for Search, Browse, and Results are on the right. The main section is titled 'Quick Search' and contains a search input field with the placeholder text 'e.g. 'cancer gene therapy''. Below the input field are 'Search' and 'Options' buttons. Underneath, there are search options: a checkbox for 'Search as broadly as possible (map, explode, search also as free text in all fields)' and a 'Publication Years from:' section with dropdown menus for '2012' and '2016'. A dropdown menu is open from the 'Search' button, showing options: PICO (highlighted with a red circle), Quick, Advanced, Drug, Disease, Device, and Article. The footer contains three columns of links: LIFE SCIENCE SOLUTIONS, SUPPORT, and PRODUCT, followed by the Elsevier logo and copyright information.

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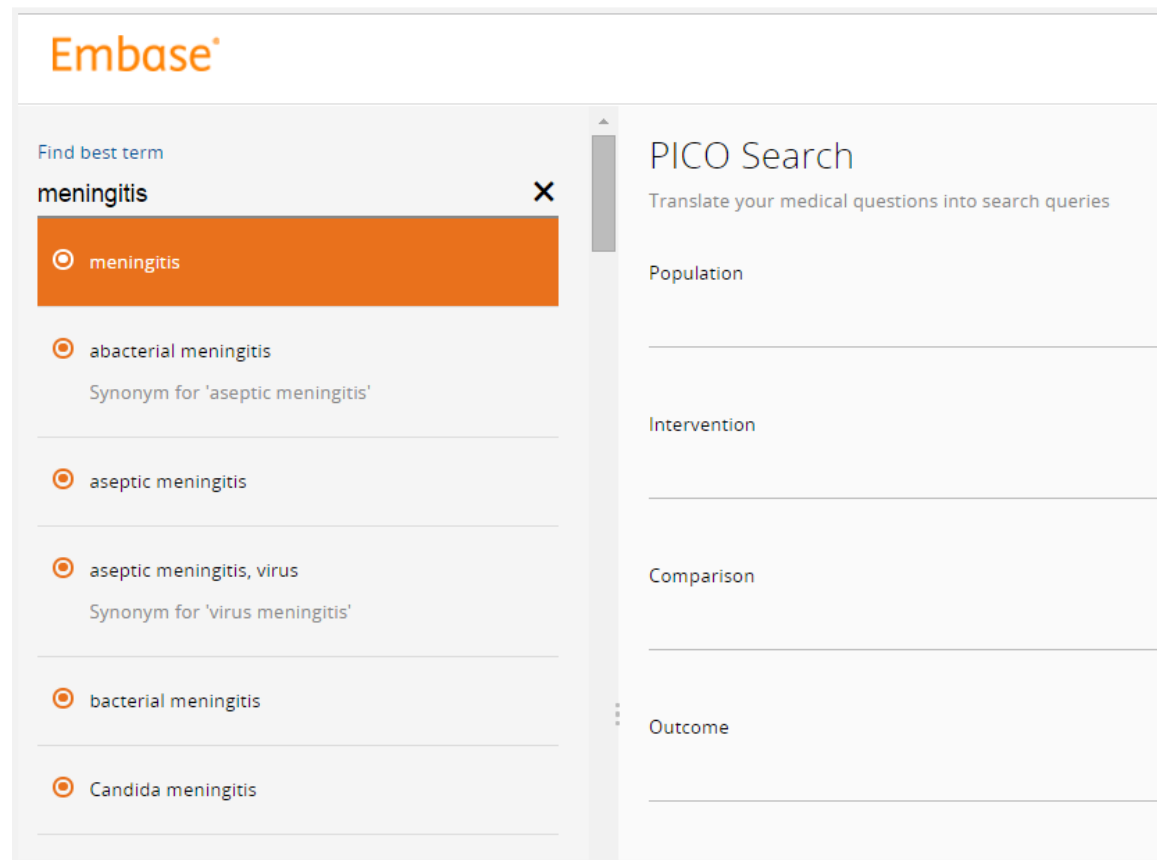
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Using the new PICO search form

On the left-hand side of the page, type a keyword under '**Find best term**' and choose one of the terms from the suggested list.



The screenshot displays the Embase PICO Search interface. On the left, a 'Find best term' dropdown menu is open, showing a list of suggested terms for the keyword 'meningitis'. The first term, 'meningitis', is highlighted in orange. Below it are 'abacterial meningitis' (with a synonym for 'aseptic meningitis'), 'aseptic meningitis', 'aseptic meningitis, virus' (with a synonym for 'virus meningitis'), 'bacterial meningitis', and 'Candida meningitis'. On the right, the 'PICO Search' form is visible, with the title 'PICO Search' and the subtitle 'Translate your medical questions into search queries'. The form is structured into five sections: 'Population', 'Intervention', 'Comparison', and 'Outcome', each with a horizontal line for input. A vertical scrollbar is visible between the dropdown menu and the PICO Search form.

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Find best term

meningitis

- meningitis
- abacterial meningitis
Synonym for 'aseptic meningitis'
- aseptic meningitis
- aseptic meningitis, virus
Synonym for 'virus meningitis'
- bacterial meningitis
- Candida meningitis

PICO Search

Translate your medical questions into search queries

Population

Intervention

Comparison

Outcome

Using the new PICO search form

Emtree will appear on the left-hand side of the page with the selected term **highlighted**.

Hover the mouse beside the term and click '**Add to Query**' when it appears. The term will be added to the query as an orange token.

The screenshot displays the Embase PICO Search interface. On the left, the Emtree hierarchy is shown, with the term 'meningitis' selected and highlighted. The hierarchy path is: Emtree > diseases > physical disease > physical disease by anatomical structure > neurologic disease > central nervous system disease > central nervous system infection > meningitis. The 'Add to Query +' button is visible next to the selected term. On the right, the PICO Search form is shown, with fields for Population, Intervention, Comparison, and Outcome. The form is titled 'PICO Search' and includes the instruction 'Translate your medical questions into search queries'.

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Find best term
meningitis

Emtree
diseases
physical disease
physical disease by anatomical structure
neurologic disease
central nervous system disease
central nervous system infection
meningitis
arachnoiditis
aseptic meningitis
bacterial meningitis
epidemic meningitis
fungal meningitis
group B streptococcal men...

Add to Query +

PICO Search
Translate your medical questions into search queries

Population

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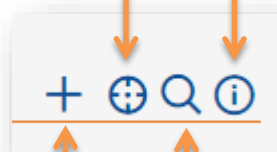
Comparison

Outcome

New symbols make it easy to add terms to a PICO or advanced/drug/disease/device search

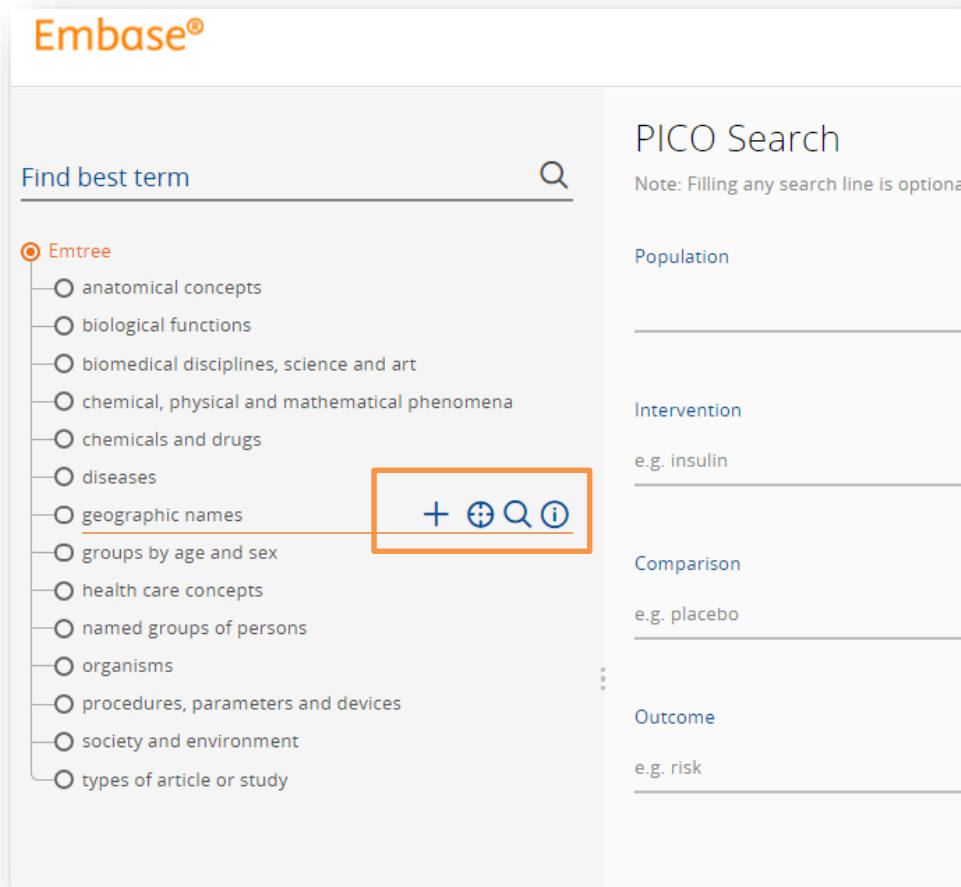
Information (e.g., synonyms, history, scope notes and Dorland's definition)

Show all occurrences*



Add to query

Take this term to drug/disease/device/advanced search (depends on term)



* Emtree terms can often be found in multiple locations. “Show all occurrences” indicates everywhere the term is found in Emtree.

Using the new PICO search form

The term will be searched as **broadly as possible** by default, meaning it will be mapped to Emtree, narrower terms will also be searched and free text in all fields will be searched.

To only search the **index term**, search as a **major focus** or perform an **explosion search**, click on the orange token to select another search option from the list that appears.

The screenshot displays the Embase PICO Search interface. On the left, a tree structure shows the hierarchy: Emtree > diseases > physical disease. The search term 'meningitis' is entered in the 'Find best term' field. A dropdown menu is open, showing the search strategy '/br - search strategy' which 'Maps, explodes and searches your term as free text in all fields'. Below this, four options are listed with radio buttons: '/mj Major focus' (20400 Results), '/de Index term' (43494 Results), '/exp Explosion' (91230 Results), and '/br Broad' (103898 Results). The '/br Broad' option is selected. At the bottom of the dropdown, there are links for '+ Add Synonyms' and 'Remove Token'. Below the dropdown, a list of related terms is visible: 'Haemophilus meningitis', 'lymphocytic choriomeningitis', and 'meningoencephalitis'. On the right, the 'PICO Search' section is visible, with the 'Population' field containing 'meningitis /br' and a button to 'Add 6 Synonyms'.

Search Strategy	Results
/mj Major focus	20400 Results
/de Index term	43494 Results
/exp Explosion	91230 Results
/br Broad	103898 Results

Using the new PICO search form

Once an Emtree term is added, a grey (ghost) token will appear next to the orange one. Click on the grey token to add all synonyms of that term to your query.

- Added synonyms are searched in **all fields** by default.
- Individual synonyms can be selected by clicking the orange **radio buttons** beside the synonyms in the left-side panel.

The screenshot displays the Embase PICO Search interface. On the left, a panel titled "5 Synonyms for meningitis" lists six terms, each with a radio button: leptospirotic meningitis, meningial inflammation, meningitis, meningitis, recurrent, perimeningeal infections, and recurrent meningitis. The "meningitis" term is selected. On the right, the "PICO Search" section includes a subtitle "Translate your medical questions into search queries" and three input fields: Population, Intervention, and Comparison. The Population field contains two tokens: "meningitis /br" (orange) and "+ 5 Synonyms :all" (blue).

5 Synonyms for meningitis	
leptospirotic meningitis	<input type="radio"/>
meningial inflammation	<input type="radio"/>
meningitis	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
meningitis, recurrent	<input type="radio"/>
perimeningeal infections	<input type="radio"/>
recurrent meningitis	<input type="radio"/>

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PICO Search

Translate your medical questions into search queries

Population

meningitis /br + 5 Synonyms :all

Intervention

Comparison

Using the new PICO search form

Added synonyms are searched in **all fields** by default.

Click on the drop-down arrow or right-click to change the fields where the free-text term is searched.

- **Note:** a search of all fields searches titles, abstracts, author keywords, brand names, manufacturer name etc.)

The screenshot displays the Embase PICO Search interface. On the left, a panel titled "6 Synonyms for meningitis" lists several terms: leptospirotic meningitis, meningial inflammation, meningitis, meningitis, recurrent, perimeningeal infections, and recurrent meningitis. Each term has a toggle switch to its right. On the right, the "PICO Search" section is visible, with a sub-header "Translate your medical questions into search queries". Below this, the "Population" field contains the text "meningitis /br" followed by a dropdown arrow. To the right of this is another dropdown menu labeled "+ 6 Synonyms :all". A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of search strategies with their corresponding result counts:

Search Strategy	Results
:ti title	5,000 Results
:ab abstract	10,000 Results
:ti,ab title or abstract	50,000 Results
:all all	100,000 Results

The ":all" option is selected, indicated by a blue circle. At the bottom right of the dropdown menu, there is a "Remove Token" button with a red X icon.

Using the new PICO search form

Embase automatically adds the OR connector (Boolean operator) between terms *within* an individual PICO element.

The Boolean 'AND' operator will be used to combine search terms/strategies *between* the different elements.

While a search is being built, Embase calculates the number of results and displays the number in the lower right-corner of the page.

Select '**Show # results**' to perform the search and view the results.

PICO Search
Translate your medical questions into search queries

Population

bacterial meningitis /br + 8 Synonyms :all or Haemophilus meningitis /br + 6 Synonyms :all or

pneumococcal meningitis /br + 4 Synonyms :all

Clear Field

Intervention

antibiotic* :all

Clear Field

Comparison

Clear Field

Outcome

Clear Field

Reset Query

Show 43 Results

More information is available in the Help file:

http://help.elsevier.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/4635/p/7794

Using the new PICO search form

Terms can be added anywhere in the search line. Place the cursor in front or behind any term and begin typing to add a new term or parenthesis.

Alternatively, place the cursor at the appropriate position in the search query, and select a term from the Emtree panel on the left-hand side of the page to add the term to that position.

The screenshot displays the Embase PICO Search interface. On the left, the Emtree panel shows a hierarchical tree structure for medical terms. The 'congenital tumor' term is highlighted in orange, and a red circle with a plus sign and the text 'Add to Query' is positioned next to it. On the right, the PICO Search form is visible, with the 'Population' section containing the text 'cancer /br | or fetal tumor /br'. A red circle highlights the vertical bar (|) in the Population section, indicating the position where a new term can be added. The 'Intervention' and 'Comparison' sections are currently empty.

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Find best term

PICO Search

Translate your medical questions into search queries

Population

cancer /br | or fetal tumor /br

Intervention

Comparison

neoplasm

benign tumor

congenital tumor

cystic neoplasm

experimental neoplasm

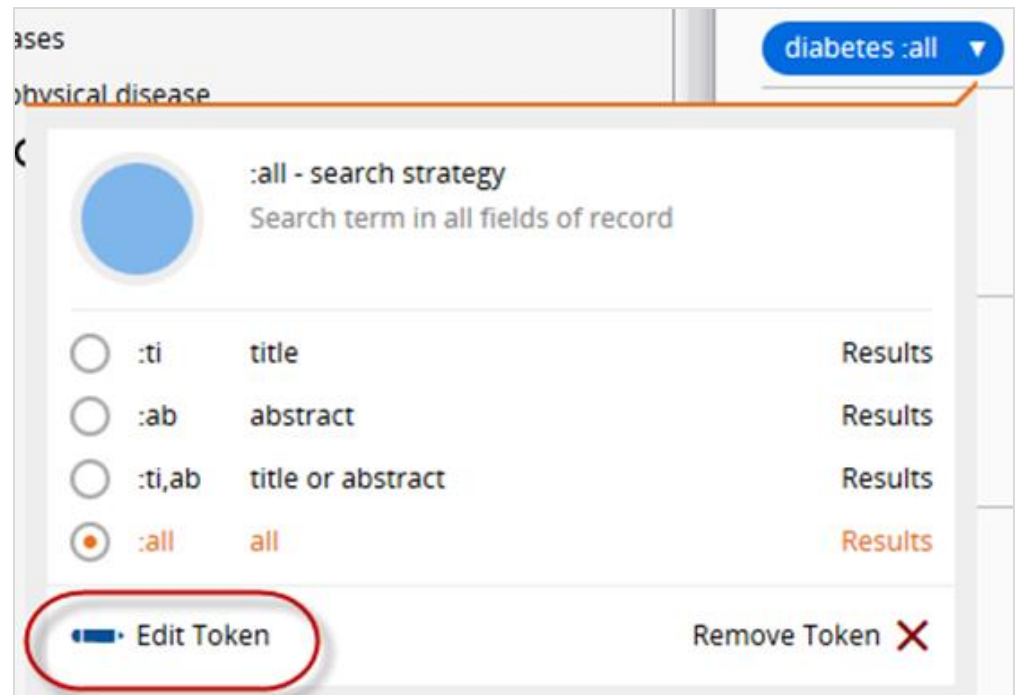
fetal tumor

incidentaloma

Add to Query +

Using the new PICO search form

Double-click on a token or select the 'Edit Token' button in the fly-out menu to edit or modify your search term.



Using the new PICO search form

Remove a token by pressing the delete key on your keyboard in front or after the token or by expanding the fly-out and selecting 'Remove Token'.

The screenshot shows a search interface with a fly-out menu open. At the top, a search bar contains the text "cancer /br" with a dropdown arrow. Below the search bar, the fly-out menu is displayed, showing a list of search strategies. The first item is "/br - search strategy" with a description "Maps, explodes and searches your term as free text in all fields". Below this, there are four radio button options: "/mj Major focus 7379 Results", "/de Index term 1548 Results", "/exp Explosion 37504 Results", and "/br Broad 37547 Results". The "/br" option is selected. At the bottom of the fly-out menu, there is a "+ Add Synonyms" button and a "Remove Token X" button, which is highlighted with a red oval.

Search Strategy	Results
/mj Major focus	7379 Results
/de Index term	1548 Results
/exp Explosion	37504 Results
/br Broad	37547 Results

+ Add Synonyms

Remove Token X

Mapping levels in Embase

Advanced search

- What do the mapping levels mean?
- What mapping option should we recommend?

Advanced Search

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Embase mapping options

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☒ Map to preferred term in Emtree

☐ Limit to terms indexed in article as 'major focus'

☒ Search also as free text in all fields

☒ Explode using narrower Emtree terms

☒ Search as broadly as possible

Advanced search

- What do the mapping levels mean?

Embase mapping options

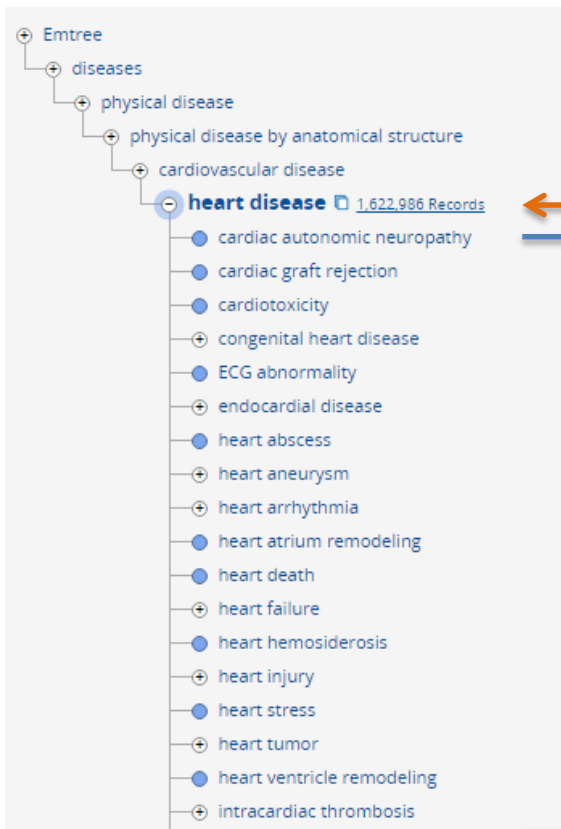
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Preferred term (/de)

Narrower terms – included
in an /exp search

- Which mapping level to use...?

Users must decide how they wish to
balance comprehensiveness with
relevance!



Synonyms are also mapped and searched

Synonyms

cardiac anomaly; cardiac disease; cardiac disturbance; cardiopathy; heart deficiency; heart deformity; heart diseases; heart disorder; heart dysfunction; major adverse cardiac event