

A guide to *AMED* (Allied & Complementary Medicine Database)

What is AMED?

AMED - Allied & Complementary Medicine Database - is the online equivalent to the Complimentary Medicine Index. It is produced by the British Library, and covers over 500 journals from 1985 to the present. Many of these journals are not indexed in any other biomedical database.

What can I do with it?

You can use this database to find references and abstracts for articles that deal with complementary medicine, palliative care, and some allied health disciplines.

How do I get to it?

To get to AMED:

1. Go to www.shirp.ca
2. Click on the "Search for Articles on Your Topic" link under the heading "Find an Article"
3. Scroll down the page until you see "AMED" in the alphabetical list
4. Click on the heading above the description
5. If you are accessing this database from outside a health region facility, you may be asked to log in if you have not done so already.



The main search screen for AMED is made up of:

- 1) Search History: keeps track of what you've looked for and how many results you got.
- 2) Search Box
- 3) "Map Term to Subject Heading": when this box is checked the database will automatically look for the subject that best fits your term.
- 4) Limits: allow you to limit your results to items that were published in a particular year. More limits are available by clicking on "Additional Limits".

The screenshot shows the AMED search interface. At the top right, there are links for "Saved Searches/Alerts", "PayPerView Account", and "Personal Account", along with language options: "English", "Français", "Deutsch", and "Español". Below these are links for "Change Database", "Your Journals@Ovid", "All Journals", and "Books".

The main search area is divided into several sections:

- Search History (0 searches):** A table with columns for "Searches", "Results", "Search Type", and "Actions". A red box labeled "1" highlights the "Searches" column.
- Search:** A section with tabs for "Basic Search", "Find Citation", "Search Tools", "Search Fields", "Advanced Ovid Search", and "Multi-Field Search". A red box labeled "2" highlights the "Advanced Ovid Search" tab.
- Enter Keyword or phrase:** A text input field with a red box labeled "3" around it. Below the input field are radio buttons for "Keyword", "Author", "Title", and "Journal".
- Map Term to Subject Heading:** A checkbox that is checked, with a red box labeled "4" around it.
- Limits:** A section with checkboxes for "Full Text", "Abstracts", and "Latest Update". Below these are "Publication Year" dropdown menus.

In this example we'll look for articles on using **Tai Chi** to help prevent **falls** in the **elderly**. It is usually a good idea to look for different concepts one at a time, and link them using the Search History later on. Type the term you are looking for in the search box, and make sure the "Map Term to Subject Heading" box is checked. Then click the "Search" button.

This screenshot shows the search interface with the search term "Tai Chi" entered in the search box. The "Map Term to Subject Heading" checkbox is checked. The "Search" button is highlighted with a red circle. The "Advanced Ovid Search" tab is also highlighted with a red circle.

A list of subjects will come up that could be a match for your term. “Explode” allows you to search for more specific terms as well as the term you chose. For example, a more specific term related to “Aged” would be “frail elderly”. Check the boxes beside the terms that best fit what you are looking for and click on “Continue”. If there are no suitable terms, check the box for “Search as Keyword” at the bottom of the list.

Mapping Display

Your term mapped to the following Subject Headings:

Click on a subject heading to view more general and more specific terms within the tree.

Include All Subheadings

Combine selections with:

| Select | Subject Heading | Explode | Scope |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Tai chi | <input type="checkbox"/> | i |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Aged | <input type="checkbox"/> | i |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Balance | <input type="checkbox"/> | i |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Exercise | <input type="checkbox"/> | i |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Muscle strength | <input type="checkbox"/> | i |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Accidental falls | <input type="checkbox"/> | i |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | humans | <input type="checkbox"/> | i |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Exercise therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> | i |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> | i |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> | i |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tai Chi.mp. search as Keyword | | |

The results of the search are listed in the search history. Repeat this process until you have searched for all of your terms.



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▼ Search History (1 search) (Click to close)

| <input type="checkbox"/> | # | Searches | Results | Search Type | Actions |
|--------------------------|---|----------|---------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | Tai chi/ | 156 | Advanced | Display More >> |

Combine selections with:

Search AMED (Allied and Complementary Medicine) 1985 to July 2009

Enter Keyword or phrase (use "" or "S" for truncation):

Keyword
 Author
 Title
 Journal

Map Term to Subject Heading
 Universal Search

To combine all of the pieces of the search, click on the boxes beside the searches you want to combine, and click on the “And” button. When you use AND your final results will only list articles that fit all 3 requirements: they are about Tai Chi AND Accidental falls AND the Aged.

▼ Search History (3 searches) (Click to close) View Saved

| <input type="checkbox"/> | # ▲ | Searches | Results | Search Type | Actions |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-------------------|---------|-------------|----------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1 | Tai chi/ | 156 | Advanced | Display More » |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 | Accidental falls/ | 972 | Advanced | Display More » |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 3 | Aged/ | 8028 | Advanced | Display More » |

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

Save Search History

The results of the combined search are listed in the Search History. Scroll down the page or click on “Display” to see the results.



▼ Search History (4 searches) (Click to close) View Saved

| <input type="checkbox"/> | # ▲ | Searches | Results | Search Type | Actions |
|--------------------------|-----|-------------------|---------|-------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | Tai chi/ | 156 | Advanced | Display More » |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | Accidental falls/ | 972 | Advanced | Display More » |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 | Aged/ | 8028 | Advanced | Display More » |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | 1 and 3 and 2 | 20 | Advanced | Display More » |

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

Save Search History

To read an abstract for an article, click on the abstract link on the right. If there is an “Ovid Full Text” link, or a “PDF Full Text” link, click on it to read the whole article. If there is no full text link available, click on the yellow “Find it!” button to find out if we have a subscription to the journal.

8. Tai Chi: improving functional balance and predicting subsequent falls in older persons.  [PDF Full Text](#)
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Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise 2004 Dec;36(12):2046-52.
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Physical and Occupational Therapy in Geriatrics 2004;22(1):1-20.
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Title: A Group Intervention to Reduce Fall Risk Factors in Community Dwelling Older Adults
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