

A guide to *Healthstar*

What is Healthstar?

Healthstar is a database that lists articles that deal with the clinical and non-clinical aspects of health care delivery, including topics related to administration, effectiveness of health services, and health economics. These citations are gathered from MEDLINE, the Hospital Literature Index, and selected journals.

What can I do with it?

You can use this database to identify articles that deal with evaluation of patient outcomes; effectiveness of procedures, programs, products, services and processes; administration and planning of health facilities, services and manpower; health insurance; health policy; health services research; health economics and financial management; laws and regulation; personnel administration; quality assurance; licensure; and accreditation.

How do I get to it?

To get to Healthstar:

- 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 "Healthstar" 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 Healthstar 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 fit specific criteria. More limits are available by clicking on "Additional Limits".

The screenshot shows the Healthstar search interface. At the top, there is a 'Search History' section with a table containing columns for 'Searches', 'Results', 'Search Type', and 'Actions'. A red box labeled '1' highlights the 'Searches' column header. Below this is a 'Search' section with tabs for 'Basic Search', 'Find Citation', 'Search Tools', 'Search Fields', 'Advanced Ovid Search', and 'Multi-Field Search'. The 'Advanced Ovid Search' tab is selected. In this section, there is a search box with a red box labeled '2' around it. To the left of the search box is a red box labeled '3' around the text 'Enter Keyword or phrase (use "*" or "S" for truncation)'. Below the search box are radio buttons for 'Keyword', 'Author', 'Title', and 'Journal'. A red box labeled '4' highlights the 'Map Term to Subject Heading' checkbox, which is checked. Below the search box are various limit options: 'Humans', 'Abstracts', 'Core Clinical Journals (AIM)', 'English Language', 'Full Text', 'Review Articles', and 'Latest Update'. There are also 'Additional Limits' and 'Edit Limits' buttons.

This example illustrates searching Healthstar to find information on **clinical pathways** for **stroke care**. It is usually a good idea to look for different concepts one at a time, and link them later on using the Search History. Type *clinical pathways* in the search box. Make sure the "Map Term to Subject Heading" box is checked, then click the "Search" button.

The screenshot shows the Healthstar search interface with the search box and the 'Map Term to Subject Heading' checkbox highlighted in red. The search box contains the text 'clinical pathways'. The 'Map Term to Subject Heading' checkbox is checked. The 'Search' button is to the right of the search box. The rest of the interface is the same as in the previous screenshot.

A list of subjects will come up that could be a match for your term. 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.
 See term mapped to thesaurus term

Include All Subheadings

Combine selections with:

Select	Subject Heading	Explode	Focus	Scope
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Critical Pathways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	i
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	clinical pathways.mp. search as Keyword			

The results of the search are listed in the search history.

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	# ▲	Searches	Results	Search Type	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	clinical pathways.mp. or Critical Pathways/	3522	Advanced	<input type="button" value="Display"/> <input type="button" value="More >>"/>

Combine selections with:

Search Ovid Healthstar 1966 to June 2009

Enter Keyword or phrase (use "*" or "S" for truncation):
 Keyword
 Author
 Title
 Journal

Map Term to Subject Heading
 Universal Search

▼ Limits (Click to close)

Humans
 English Language
 Review Articles

Abstracts
 Full Text
 Latest Update

Core Clinical Journals (AIM)

Publication Year: -

Repeat this process to search for *stroke*.

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	# ▲	Searches	Results	Search Type	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	clinical pathways.mp. or Critical Pathways/	3522	Advanced	Display More >>

Remove Selected | Save Selected | Combine selections with: RSS

Ovid Healthstar 1966 to June 2009

Search

Basic Search | Find Citation | Search Tools | Search Fields | **Advanced Ovid Search** | Multi-Field Search

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

Map Term to Subject Heading
 Universal Search

▼ Limits (Click to close)

Humans English Language Review Articles
 Abstracts Full Text Latest Update
 Core Clinical Journals (AIM)

Publication Year: -

This time the subject term that comes up is *Cerebrovascular Accident*. Click on "Continue".

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.
 See term mapped to thesaurus term

Include All Subheadings

Combine selections with:

Select	Subject Heading	Explode	Focus	Scope
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cerebrovascular Accident	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	stroke.mp. search as Keyword			

Hints:

- Click on a Subject Heading to view its tree - related terms that are more general and more specific.
- Select the Explode box if you wish to retrieve results using the selected term and all of its more specific terms.
- Select the Focus box if you wish to limit your search to those documents in which your subject heading is considered the major point of the article.
- If your search did not map to a desirable subject heading, select the box Search as Keyword.
- If you select more than one term, you can combine them using a boolean operator (AND or OR).
- If you wish to see the scope note for any term or heading, click on the information icon, when available.

This time, you have the option to choose subheadings if you want to focus on a particular aspect of this term. In this case we will not choose a subheading. Click on “Continue” to finish searching.

Subheading Display

Subheadings for: **Cerebrovascular Accident**

Combine selections with:

Include All Subheadings (19034)

-- or choose one or more of these subheadings --

/bl - Blood (780)

/cf - Cerebrospinal Fluid (18)

/ci - Chemically Induced (319)

/cl - Classification (481)

/co - Complications (2754)

/cn - Congenital (3)

/di - Diagnosis (2590)

/dh - Diet Therapy (17)

/dt - Drug Therapy (1920)

/ec - Economics (331)

/em - Embryology (4)

/en - Enzymology (61)

/ep - Epidemiology (3613)

/eh - Ethnology (277)

/mi - Microbiology (33)

/mo - Mortality (1785)

/nu - Nursing (345)

/ps - Parasitology (3)

/pa - Pathology (1050)

/pp - Physiopathology (2951)

/pc - Prevention & Control (3200)

/px - Psychology (1026)

/ra - Radiography (490)

/ri - Radionuclide Imaging (94)

/rt - Radiotherapy (6)

/rh - Rehabilitation (2680)

/su - Surgery (224)

/th - Therapy (1985)

The results of the second search are listed in the search history.

▼ Search History (2 searches) (Click to close)					<input type="button" value="View Saved"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	# ▲	Searches	Results	Search Type	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	clinical pathways.mp. or Critical Pathways/	3522	Advanced	<input type="button" value="Display"/> <input type="button" value="More >>"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Cerebrovascular Accident/	19034	Advanced	<input type="button" value="Display"/> <input type="button" value="More >>"/>

Remove Selected | Save Selected | Combine selections with:

To link the two searches together, check off the searches you want to combine and click on the “And” button. When you use AND your final results will only list articles that have to do with cerebrovascular accidents AND (clinical pathways OR critical pathways).

▼ Search History (2 searches) (Click to close) View Saved

	# ▲	Searches	Results	Search Type	Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	clinical pathways.mp. or Critical Pathways/	3522	Advanced	Display More >>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	Cerebrovascular Accident/	19034	Advanced	Display More >>

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

Save Search History

The combined search is listed in the Search History. To see the results, scroll down the page or click on “Display”

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

	# ▲	Searches	Results	Search Type	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	clinical pathways.mp. or Critical Pathways/	3540	Advanced	Display More >>
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Cerebrovascular Accident/	19034	Advanced	Display More >>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	1 and 2	71	Advanced	Display More >>

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

Save Search History

Search Ovid Healthstar 1966 to July 2009

Basic Search | Find Citation | Search Tools | Search Fields | **Advanced Ovid Search** | Multi-Field Search

Enter Keyword or phrase (use "*" or "\$" for truncation): Search >>

Keyword
 Author
 Title
 Journal

Map Term to Subject Heading
 Universal Search

▼ Limits (Click to close)

<input type="checkbox"/> Humans	<input type="checkbox"/> English Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Review Articles
<input type="checkbox"/> Abstracts	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Text	<input type="checkbox"/> Latest Update
<input type="checkbox"/> Core Clinical Journals (AIM)		

Scroll through the list to see which articles interest you. 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.

14. Promoting evidence-based practice in stroke care in Australia.  [PDF Full Text](#)
- Perry L.
Nursing Standard. 20(34):35-42, 2006 May 3-9.
[Journal Article. Research Support, Non-U.S. Gov't]
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- Authors Full Name
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15. Effectiveness of a **clinical** pathway for acute stroke care in a district general hospital: an audit. [Abstract Reference](#)
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- Taylor WJ. Wong A. Siegert RJ. McNaughton HK.
BMC Health Services Research. 6:16, 2006.
[Journal Article. Research Support, Non-U.S. Gov't]
Ul: 16504101
- Authors Full Name
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Effectiveness of a clinical pathway for acute stroke care in a dis general hospital: an audit

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Abstract

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