

# Finding MeSH Headings in Pubmed, Proquest, CINAHL and Ovid

## Find MeSH headings in Pubmed

1. Begin at **My Ara**: <https://myara.ara.ac.nz/>
2. Click on **Library Search**



3. Click on **Databases**
4. Click on **Pubmed**
5. Select : **Advanced Search**
6. Scroll to **MeSH** in the bottom toolbar and click to select.
7. Search for a term e.g. Covid. In the example below the official term COVID-19 can be seen.



"Add to Search builder"



Or add the term separately when you return to **Search PubMed**

## Find MeSH headings in Proquest

Follow steps 1 to 3 in the previous section.

4. Click on **Proquest**.

5. Use your **student email and password** to log in if you are prompted.

6. Click on **Advanced Search**

7. Click on **Thesaurus** in the top menu

8. Click on **MeSH**

9. Search for a MeSH term and tick as required and also tick **Explode** for complete coverage of any topic

MeSH 2022 Thesaurus

Search terms: covid

Contains word(s)  
 Begins with (enter at least 2 characters)

Browse terms: Root 0-9 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W

Click a term in the list below to see it in the context of the thesaurus hierarchy.

ChAdOx1 COVID-19 Vaccine  
COVID-19 Vaccine  
 COVID-19

- qualifiers

10. Click **Add to search** at the bottom right of the page or add the term separately choosing the Subject limiter in **Advanced Search**.

## Add MeSH-like headings in CINAHL

Follow steps 1 to 3 in the previous section.

4. Click on **CINAHL**.
5. Use your **student email and password** to log in if you are prompted.
6. Click on **Advanced Search**
7. Click **CINAHL Subject Headings** in the top tool bar.



8. Search for your term e.g. Covid

For Covid the MeSH heading is COVID-19.

## Add MeSH headings in Ovid Nursing Database

A tip for using MeSH headings in Ovid is to make use of the **Search translator** which you find in **Support & Training** in the top menu. Perform your search in the Pubmed database using limiters e.g. MeSH and/or title/abstract limiters and copy the resulting Pubmed search query into the Search translator in Ovid e.g

### Origin Platform

Embase.com  ProQuest Dialog  Pubmed

### Source Query:

```
1 ((Post-covid 19 syndrome[MeSH Terms]) OR (Long Covid[MeSH Terms]) ) OR ("long covid"[Title/Abstract] OR "post-covid 19"[Title/Abstract])
```

Then click **Translate** to get e.g.

### Ovid Strategy:

```
1 ((exp post-covid 19 syndrome/) or (exp long covid/) ) or ("long covid".ti,ab. or "post-covid 19".ti,ab.)
```

Copy the resulting Ovid translation into Ovid Basic Search.

**Basic Search** | [Find Citation](#) | [Search Fields](#) | [Advanced Search](#) | [Multi-Field Search](#)

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Search All Ovid Journals,  ARA Subscriptions

((exp post-covid 19 syndrome/) or (exp long covid/) ) or ("long covid".ti,ab. or "post-cov

► Limits (close)

Include Related Terms

This method is ideal for learners doing literature reviews as this method helps you to keep your search strategy systematic across Pubmed and Ovid databases and also means you do not need to know the special terms for performing expert searches in Ovid.

## For further assistance

- Ask at the Library, Christchurch, Madras St. Campus
- Live chat with a Librarian during open hours via [Asklive](#)
- Ring (03) 9408089 or 0800 24 24 76 and ask for the Library
- Email : [library@ara.ac.nz](mailto:library@ara.ac.nz)