Major OT Databases Online

Database Name	Dates Covered/ Updating	Sources	Subject Scope	Wildcard & Truncation	Indexing Notes
CINAHL (on **EBSCO**)	1982 to present.	2700+ journals Also indexes selected books, pamphlets, dissertations, audiovisuals in nursing & allied health	Nursing & allied health literature	Wildcard ? Truncation *	CINAHL Headings Strong for OT topics
Medline (indexed part of **PubMed**; also available through **OvidSP** and **EBSCO**)	1947 – present Daily update	5,000 journals (~1,600 indexed cover-to-cover)	Broadly biomedical Clinically-oriented; more than 60% of material directly related to human medicine	**PubMed** Truncation * (picks up first 600 variations) **OvidSP** Wildcard # (1 character) Wildcard ? (0 or 1 characters) Truncation $ or :	- MeSH - many document/publication types available
Embase (on **OvidSP**)	1980 – present Weekly update	5,000 journals (~1,000 cover-to-cover)	Broadly biomedical Comparable to Medline, but more preclinical material. Coverage of rehabilitation journals not indexed in Medline. Strengths in European & Japanese literature	Wildcard # (1 character) Wildcard ? (0 or 1 characters) Truncation $ or :	- EMTREE - thesaurus esp. strong for rehabilitation topics
PsycInfo (on Ebscohost)	1872-present; books 1987 – present; Monthly update	Over 1300 Journals books/chapters dissertations.	Psychology, psychological aspects of related disciplines – medicine, psychiatry, nursing, education, linguistics, sport, pharmacology	Wildcard ? Truncation *	Thesaurus strong for psychological terms. Different structure from CINAHL

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ERIC (on Ebscohost)	1969	Over 980 citations and abstracts	Educational and education-related journals, primarily American with some Canadian and British publications	Wildcard ? Truncation *	Thesaurus; strong for education related terms
Cochrane DB of Systematic Reviews (on **OvidSP**)	Quarterly update	Currently holds 3700+ systematic reviews & 1900+ protocols	Health/clinical medicine Systematic reviews and protocols for future reviews from 50 Cochrane Groups	Wildcard # (1 character) Wildcard ? (0 or 1 characters) Truncation $ or :	- keyword search only - use .ti or .ab or .ti,ab to limit to keywords in the title or abstract fields - use synonyms and spelling variants for thorough searching
DARE (on **OvidSP**)	Quarterly update	Currently holds ~9400 full text structured abstracts/critical reviews of systematic reviews	Health/clinical medicine	Wildcard # (1 character) Wildcard ? (0 or 1 characters) Truncation $ or :	- keyword search only - use .ti to limit to keywords in the title field (no .ab searching) - consider synonyms and spelling variants for thorough searching
OTSeeker Originally created by team of Australian OTs	Earliest publication = 1955 Continual update	Various OT and medical journals	Highly specialized for OT, containing abstracts of systematic reviews and RCTs	Truncation *	- keyword search only - Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) allowed - phrase search enabled; use " " - for proximity searching, use NEAR - also see **Intervention** and **Diagnosis/Subdiscipline** drop down menus for standardized phrases/terms
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