



How to set up AutoAlerts

Stay current with the latest information in your field

Ovid's AutoAlert (SDI) functionality lets you create an automated email report of new data associated with a saved search strategy. AutoAlerts enhance the research process by empowering you to:

- receive email notification whenever a new record is added to the database or multfile from which the AutoAlert was created or on a schedule that you define,
- provide an electronic table of contents service with access to full text directly from user desktops,
- remove duplicate records from results of both current and historical runs of your AutoAlert,
- suspend AutoAlerts when you are on vacation or take a leave of absence, then unsuspend them upon your return.

Use Ovid's AutoAlerts to stay up-to-date on a specific research topic or to keep current with the coverage of a journal in your Journals@Ovid subscription.

Setup AutoAlerts easily

To create an AutoAlert, you must have a search that you want to save and set for automated notification.

Search Example

- 1.) melatonin/
- 2.) jet lag syndrome/
- 3.) phototherapy/
- 4.) 1 and (2 or 3)

This search combines results for the term *melatonin* with the results of the search for either *jet lag syndrome* or *phototherapy*. Results display in the Search History of the Main Search Page.

Step 1

Click the Save Search History button located under the Search History Window. The Save Current Search Page opens.

Step 2

Select the AutoAlert search type from the drop-down menu at the top of the page. All Save Search options change to AutoAlert-specific options.

Step 3

Make selections in each AutoAlert option panel of the page.

Step 4

Once all selections have been made, click a Save button located at either end of the AutoAlert options table. Ovid displays a saved search message back on the Main Search Page.

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Ovid sends AutoAlerts to your recipients

Ovid automatically emails a report to the list of people you indicated in your AutoAlert selections with every update to the database, or on your specified schedule.

Ovid AutoAlert Email with Source, Title and Full Text Links

From: 	Sent: Fri 2/11/2005 3:19 PM
To:	
Subject: Ovid Records AutoAlert: Melatonin	
Total documents retrieved: 5	
Results Generated From:	
CINAHL - Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature <1982 to February Week 1 2005> (updates from 2004-01-01 to present)	
Ovid MEDLINE(R) <1999 to February Week 1 2005> (updates from 2005-01-01 to present)	
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This link launches an Ovid session with your search results.	
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Citation 1.	
Database	
CINAHL - Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature	
Accession Number	
2005026916.	
Author	
Armstrong L.	
Title	
Body: remedies: a cure for the jet lag blues.	
Source	
HEALTH (San Francisco, California). 18(6):54, 2004 Jul-Aug.	
Publication Type	
Journal Article. Brief Item. .	
This link leads to available full-text or the complete reference.	
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Citation 2.	
Database	
CINAHL - Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature	
Accession Number	
2005022484.	
Title	
Outsmarting jet lag.	
Source	
Medical Update. 30(1):7, 2004.	
Publication Type	
Journal Article. Brief Item. Pictorial. .	
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Citation 3.	
Database	
CINAHL - Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature	

Increase the visibility of information resources

Promote the content available to your users by creating an AutoAlert for results containing full text to which your site subscribes. In this way, too, you can increase the overall usage of your journal subscriptions and automatically keep users up-to-date with the latest articles from your subscription.

More resources on Ovid's AutoAlerts

For further detail about all the options available to you to customize Ovid's AutoAlerts at your site, review the Ovid Web Gateway User Manual at:
http://www.ovid.com/site/help/user_guides.jsp?top=28&mid=30&bottom=60&subsection=65.
Or, consult the Ovid Web Gateway Help System during your next Ovid search session.

Your Ovid representative is always ready to help you design the right combination of our content + tools + services for your organization. **Contact us today.**



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