



Using Expert Searches and Filters in OvidSP

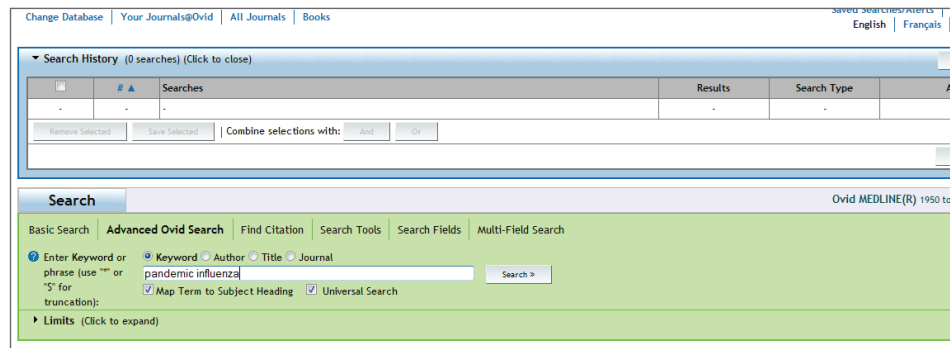
Expert Searches and Filters are tried and tested search strategies that help you narrow down your search and enhance the precision of your results.

The advantage of adding a pre-determined Expert Search or Filter to your search is that you benefit from the expertise of either search professionals working for organizations such as the Cochrane Collaboration or SIGN, or by seasoned online researchers with many hundreds of hours search experience.

Simply follow the steps outlined below to get access to Expert Searches and Filters to streamline your research!

Note: *You must have an Ovid Personal Account in order to access OvidSP filters and Expert Searches.*

1. Using the **Advanced Search** mode in any Ovid database, perform your search strategy.



2. Click the **Saved Searches/Alerts** link in the top right corner of your screen.



3. Enter your **Personal Account** username and password to log in to your Personal Account. If you don't have an existing Personal Account, you need to create one to access Expert Searches and Filters.

Personal Account Login

- To login, enter your Personal Account Name and Password.
- [Create a new Personal Account](#)
- [Forgot your Personal Account password?](#)

Personal Account Name:

Password:



4. Scroll down to the list of **Expert Searches** that have been saved by your administrator or institution's Expert User.

The screenshot shows a web interface for managing searches. At the top, there are buttons for 'Run', 'Delete', and 'Copy'. Below this, there are several search categories:

- Permanent Searches (top)**: Includes a search named 'Nursing Education and training'.
- AutoAlert (SDI) Searches (top)**: Includes 'Ovid MEDLINE(R) <1950 to July Week 1 2009>' and 'Aids treatment'. The 'Aids treatment' search has options for 'Since Last Run', 'Select Update(s)', and 'Run In Current Database', with a frequency of 'On Database Update' and deduping set to 'Off'.
- Pandemic Influenza - Swine Flu**: Also has options for 'Since Last Run', 'Select Update(s)', and 'Run In Current Database', with a frequency of 'Weekly - Monday' and deduping set to 'Off'.
- Expert Searches (top)**: Includes 'EBM Filter - Diagnosis'.

5. Choose the specific Expert Search or Filter and click the **Run** button.

This screenshot shows a warning message: "Warning: Running any AutoAlert (SDI) Searches will erase your current search history. Press the 'Run' button if you wish to do this." Below the warning is a confirmation message: "New search name saved: 'Pandemic Influenza - Swine Flu'". At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Run', 'Delete', and 'Copy'.

6. Return to the main search page and click the **AND** button. This will combine the saved Expert Search/Filter results with previous results to generate the best possible results set for evidence-based articles on Ovid MEDLINE®, for example.

The screenshot shows a table of search results and the search interface below it.

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Below the table, there are buttons for 'Remove Selected', 'Save Selected', and 'Combine selections with: And Or'. A 'Save Search' button is also visible.

The search interface below shows the search criteria: "1 AND 28". The search is performed on "Ovid MEDLINE(R) 1950 to July".