

	Ovid	EBSCO	ProQuest	Cochrane
Truncation	* or \$ Follow with number to specify limit of truncation	*	* Follow with number to specify limit of truncation	*
Wild cards	? to stand in for extra character: p?ediatrics # to search for different characters in same place wom#n	# to stand in for extra character p#ediatrics ? to search for different characters in same place wom?n	? to stand in for extra character p?ediatrics ? to search for different characters in same place wom?n	* to match multiple characters: p*diatrics ? to search for different characters in same place wom?n
Proximity (any order)	adj	N	NEAR/n or N/n	NEAR/n
Proximity (specific order)		W	PRE/n	NEXT (only allows for terms directly next to each other; use for truncating phrase search: physical NEXT therap*)
Phrase searching	Default	Enclose in ""	Enclose in "" Enclose in "{}" in order to include variants (e.g. plurals, alternative spellings of phrase terms, etc.)	Enclose in "" (cannot truncate phrases – see note on proximity searching in specific order)
Field searching	. followed by specific field: food.ti Multiple fields separated by commas: food.ti,ab	Select from drop down, or specify in search box: TI (food) Multiple fields: TI(food) OR AB(food)	Field code before term: TI(food) Multiple fields: TI,AB(food)	: followed by specific field: food:ti Multiple fields separated by commas: food:ti,ab
