

# Memorial University Libraries

## Stat!Ref Search Guide

<http://www.library.mun.ca/hsl/guides/statrefguide.pdf>

### About Stat!Ref

STAT!Ref provides access to over 40 electronic texts. It is updated quarterly. [More...](#)

### To Start

1. Go to [www.library.mun.ca/hsl](http://www.library.mun.ca/hsl)
2. If you are off-campus, click on the Off-Campus Login icon at the top right of the Library page and follow the instructions.
3. Click [Health Databases](#)
4. Click StatRef!

### Tips

<b>Help</b>	Top right corner
<b>Combining terms</b>	Do not use AND, OR, NOT. See <a href="#">To Search Multiple Words or Phrases</a> .
<b>Truncation</b>	Check the “ <b>Include Suffixes</b> ” box under the search box.
<b>Phrases</b>	See <a href="#">To Search Multiple Words or Phrases</a> .
<b>Synonyms</b>	To search synonyms, check the “ <b>Include Related Concepts</b> ” box under the search box.

### To Select Specific Titles

The STAT!Ref default is to search all the titles. However, previous settings are retained for a period of time.

1. To select one title: Click Select None, then click in the check box beside the desired title.
2. To select multiple titles: Click Select None, then click in the check boxes beside each desired title.
3. To select all titles: Click the **Select All** button
4. To deselect all titles: Click the **Select None** button.


## To Search Multiple Words and Phrases



Enter terms and choose the appropriate precision option. Do not use AND, OR, NOT. To include these, choose them from the precision options.

1. Automatically select best precision.
  - a. This is the default.
  - b. Try not to use it. It is better to choose on your own.
2. Search words must be in exact order: OADJ
  - a. This is used to find an exact phrase. (ex. Benign positional vertigo)
3. Search words must be adjacent: ADJ
  - a. Search words must appear next to each other in the document, but word order does not matter.
4. User defined word proximity: NEAR/X
  - a. Will find words within X words of each other.
  - b. eg. human cloning with X=3 will find the words if they are within 3 words of each other
5. All search words must appear: AND
  - a. This narrows your search as it will find documents with all of the search terms. (ex. Asthma AND steroids)
6. At least one search word must occur: OR
  - a. This broadens your search as it will find documents where either search term is found. (ex. Smoking OR nicotine)

## Viewing Documents

Results are displayed 10 documents at a time.

Click  to view a document in a new window. Search terms are highlighted in red.

Click  Result  at the top right to jump to the next or previous match.

Click on the links to view tables, images, and related information.

## Exit

Click **Logoff** at the top.

For more information or to book a training session, contact the **information desk**. (777-6672)