

Clinical Information Problem Solving Worksheet Honor Code: _____

What Is Your Clinical Question?

Frame the Search Strategy (This process is the same whether you search Medline or the Web)

Relevant Search Concepts: *(Break your question into its 2-4 most important concepts organized by importance.)*

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

Other:

Irrelevant Search Concepts: *(NOTE: May include clinically relevant concepts. Must include overly general terms.)*

(1) Dentistry; dental; dental treatment or therapy, dent, teeth, tooth, etc. _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

Other:

Alternate Terms for Relevant Concepts: *(How many ways can you describe these core ideas?)*

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

Other:

If you are looking for an answer in the clinical professional *literature*, you will probably want to use Medline. Medline will give you citations for articles, but you will still need to go find and look at the article itself, probably in your library. If you want an immediate answer, the concept is new or the question is not well represented in the published literature, you may want to try the Internet. Here are some suggestions for finding clinical information on the Internet. Medline can be searched either through UM-MEDSEARCH at <<http://medsearch.lib.umich.edu/>> or through PubMed at <<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/>>.

Links to the following web sites are available from: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/megasite/sitelist.html>

1. Aahoo	13. HardinMD	25. Martindale's	37. MetaCrawler	49. RXList
2. Altavista	14. HealthAtoZ	26. MDConsult	38. MetaFind	50. SavvySearch
3. Biosites	15. healthfinder	27. MedExplorer	39. MicroMedex	51. SciTalk.com
4. Cliniweb	16. HealthLinks	28. Medfinder	40. MMRL	52. Search.com
5. Cyber411	17. HealthWeb	29. Medical Matrix	41. MSN Search	53. Snap
6. Dogpile	18. HON	30. MW Search	42. NOAH	54. TheHealthChannel
7. Dr. Koop's	19. Hotbot	31. MedicineNet	43. Northern Light	55. Virtual Hospital
8. Excite	20. Inference Find	32. MedlinePlus	44. OMNI	52. WebCrawler
9. Fast	21. InfoSeek	33. MedScape	45. OnHealth	53. WebMD
10. Galaxy	22. LookSmart	34. MedWeb	46. Open Directory	54. whatUseek
11. Google	23. Lycos	35. MedWebPlus	47. Pittsburgh	55. WWWVL
12. GoTo.com	24. Magellan	36. Merck's	48. PlanetSearch	56. Yahoo
57. Other (Give name & URL):				
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Remember that you are answering a clinical question. Based on the evaluation criteria listed at the *Megasite Project*, select an appropriate search engine (choose one of the above or use one you prefer and cite it in the space provided above). Search for information clarifying or answering your clinical question. This *does not* have to contain the final answer, but may instead lead you toward a decision or to other relevant resources. Show your search process below.

Search Engine Used (#)		Concepts Used	
#	Concept 1: Term(s) Used	Concept 2: Term(s) Used	Concept 3: Term(s) Used

Be sure to document your clinical decision making process and the sources you consulted in making your decision. List the web site(s) used on an attached sheet of paper as you would for a proper bibliography. Do *not* attach a printout. Citation formats for electronic resources are different than those for print resources. You should consult a resource showing how to do this, such as <<http://www.ipl.org/ref/QUE/FARQ/netciteFARQ.html>>. Be prepared to justify your reasoning.