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The image displays two views of the Global Index Medicus website. The left view shows the homepage with the WHO logo, navigation links, and a search bar. Below the search bar, there are regional indexes for Africa, Eastern Mediterranean, South-East Asia, Latin America, and Western Pacific. The right view shows a search results page for 'INFANT MORTALITY BRAZIL'. The page includes a list of search results with titles, authors, and publication details. The search filters on the left include 'Full text (497)', 'Index', 'Main subject', 'Type of study', 'Language', and 'Year range'.

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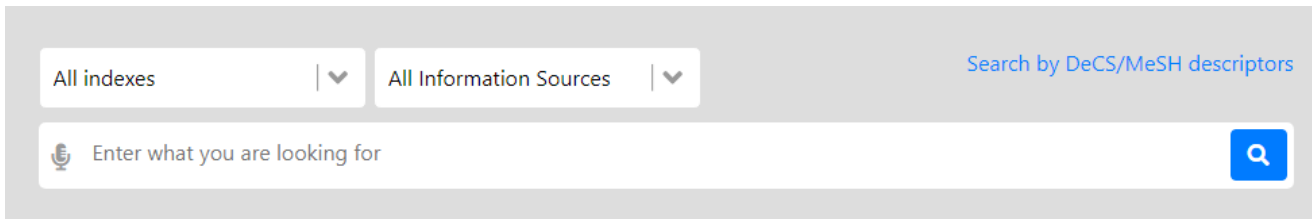
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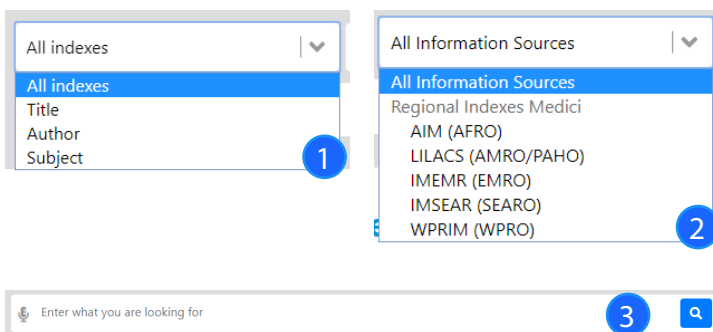
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How to:

Fields



1) Field All Indexes

Choose the search index

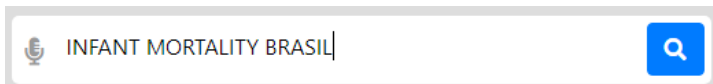
2) Field All Information Sources

Choose the Regional Index Medicus

3) Field Search

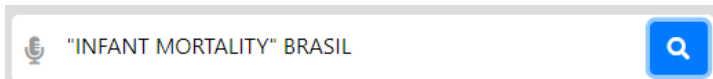
Type your search expression

Start the search



Access the GIM <http://globalindexmedicus.net> and type one or more words or phrases in the search box and click on the button SEARCH.

Search for phrases or compound terms



Type phrases or compound terms using quotes ""

Using Search Truncation Method



Brazil\$ = Brazil , Brazilian, etc.

Use the symbol \$ or * at the end of the root of the term.

Note: This resource cannot be used with phrases or compound terms in quotes.

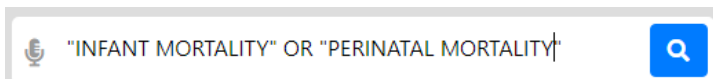
Two or more words or phrases must be in the search result



AND operator between each word or phrase.



*Note: the **AND** is the default operator, which makes its use optional when typing it between terms.*

At least one word or phrase must be in the search result





Use the **OR** operator between each word or phrase.

Exclude words or phrases from the search result

 "INFANT MORTALITY" AND NOT BRAZIL 

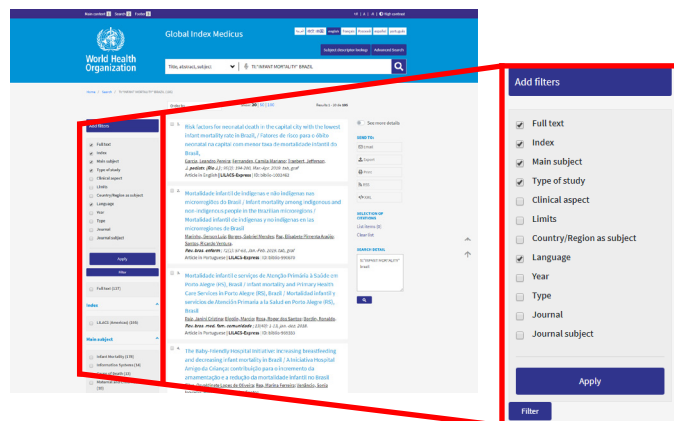
Use the **AND NOT** operator before the word or phrase you wish to delete.

Establish the correct search order

 "INFANT MORTALITY" (BRAZIL OR CHILE) 

Use for search expressions which combine the operators **AND** and **OR**.

Refine the search result



Use the filters (or clusters) to refine your search. Select one or more items from one or more filters and click the FILTER button to refine your search result.

Search Tips

- Begin your search with few words or phrases then use the filters to refine your search.
- Choose words or phrases which are most relevant to your search topic.
- Uppercase and lowercase letters, as well as word accentuation (Portuguese and Spanish), DO NOT make any difference in your search result.
- The search in the Subject Descriptor field (DeCS/MeSH) can be done in English, French, Portuguese, or Spanish

About DeCS/MeSH

DeCS – Health Sciences Descriptors is a controlled trilingual vocabulary (English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish), an enlarged translation for MeSH – Medical Subject Headings. The descriptors are used to represent the subject of the indexed documents in the main health databases.

Search using field codes

The search strategies can also be developed with the field codes in the search forms or in the search box on the GIM portal. Each method takes a proper syntax to include the search.

- Syntax to use field codes: the search field code must precede the term using colons :

Exemplo: MH:"yellow fever"

Top data fields used in GIM

Tag	Description	Search on GIM
TI	Original Title and Translated Title of citations	By words or "phrases" TI: malaria TI: "yellow fever"
TW	Text Words (words) Title + Abstract + DeCS/MeSH terms	By words or "phrases" TW: hepatitis TW: "acute hepatitis"
AB	Abstract of journal articles and documents	By words or "phrases" AB: "genetic diseases" AB: hepatitis
MH	DeCS/MeSH terms Trilingual Descriptors Portuguese, Spanish, English. To explode the category of Descriptor use * after the category number	MH: "renal dialysis" = MH: "dialise renal" = MH: "dialisis renal" = MH: E02.870.300 Explode = MH: E02.870.300*
MJ	Primary DeCS/MeSH terms. Descriptors that reflect the major points of the article	MJ: Vaccines MJ: "Influenza vaccines"
PT	Publication type is included in DeCS/MeSH	PT: "clinical trial" = PT: "ensayo clinico" = PT: "ensaio clinico"
DA	Year of Publication	Year and month (yyyymm) DA: 201001 - retrieves articles published in January 2010 DA: 2010\$ - all 2010 DA: 2010\$ OR DA: 2011\$ - retrieves year 2010 and 2011
AU	Author Name	AU: "Yunes J" AU: "Jatene, Adib D"
TA	Journal Title of the journal	TA: Jama
LA	Language Retrieve documents by selected language	LA: es



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