

# The Clinical Question and Information Resources

## MeSH Terminology for MEDLINE:

### Diagnosis

- The best single term to retrieve the most relevant citations:
  - **sensitivity** (textword)
- A comprehensive strategy retrieving the most citations:
  - **explode sensitivity and specificity** (MeSH)
  - **OR all sensitivity** (textword)
  - **OR diagnosis** (pre-exploded subheading)
  - **OR diagnostic use** (subheading)
  - **OR specificity** (textword)
- A strategy retrieving the most relevant citations:
  - **explode sensitivity and specificity** (MeSH)
  - **OR predictive value:** (textword)

### Therapy

- The best single term strategy that retrieves the most relevant articles:
  - **clinical trial** (publication type)
- A comprehensive strategy retrieving the most citations:
  - **randomized controlled trial** (publication type)
  - **OR drug therapy** (subheading)
  - **OR therapeutic use** (subheading)
  - **Or all random:** (textword)
- A strategy retrieving the most relevant citations:
  - **double blind:** (textword)
  - **OR placebo:** (textword)

### Prognosis

- The best single term to retrieve the most relevant citations:
  - **exp cohort studies** (MeSH)
- A comprehensive strategy retrieving the most citations:
  - **incidence** (MeSH)
  - **OR exp mortality** (MeSH)
  - **OR follow-up studies** (MeSH)
  - **OR mortality** (subheading)
  - **OR prognos:** (textword)
  - **Or predict:** (textword)
  - **OR course** (textword)
- A strategy retrieving the most relevant citations:
  - **prognosis** (MeSH)
  - **OR survival analysis** (MeSH)

**Etiology/Harm**

- The best single term to retrieve the most relevant citations:
  - **risk** (textword)
- A comprehensive strategy retrieving the most citations:
  - **explode cohort studies** (MeSH)
  - **OR exp risk** (MeSH)
  - **OR odds ration:** (textword)
  - **OR relative risk** (textword)
  - **OR case control** (textword)
- The strategy retrieving the most relevant citations:
  - **case-control studies** (MeSH)
  - **OR cohort** (textword)

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