

PubMed® for Librarians: Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)

Guided Notes:

1. MeSH is the National Library of Medicine's _____ thesaurus representing terms in the biomedical literature.
2. MeSH terms are revised _____.
3. Indexers assign the _____ MeSH headings available to describe the topics of an article.
4. A search for a broad MeSH term _____ to include the narrower, more specific terms.
5. The four types of MeSH terms are:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
6. Publication type can describe the type of _____, the type of _____, or the source of funding.

Examples and Exercises

1. Eye
2. Fear
3. text messaging
4. adverse effects
5. text messaging/utilization
6. wolframmin
7. total hip replacement

Review 1:

1. True or False: Searching the subheading therapy will also include a search for surgery [sh]
2. What type of MeSH term is comparative study?
3. What heading is samital mapped to?

Review 2:

1. What is the preferred term for handwashing?
2. Is education an available subheading for handwashing?
3. How far back can you search this concept with the term hand disinfection?
4. What narrower terms would be included in the search of hand disinfection?

Links shared in class:

NTO Tutorials and Recordings: <https://nnlm.gov/ntc/tutorials-recordings/>

Training Resources:

- PubMed Tutorial: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/disted/pubmedtutorial/>
- Branching Out: The MeSH® Vocabulary <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/disted/video/index.html>
- NLM Learning Resources Database: <https://learn.nlm.nih.gov/>

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