



PubMed® for Librarians: Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)

Guided Notes and Examples:

1. MeSH is the National Library of Medicine's _____ thesaurus representing terms in the biomedical literature.

2. MeSH terms are organized _____.

3. Indexers assign the _____ MeSH headings available to describe the topics of an article.

4. Example: Eye

5. A search for a broad MeSH term _____ to include the narrower, more specific terms.

6. Example: Fear

7. The four types of MeSH terms are:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

8. Example: text messaging

9. Example: Adverse effects

10. Example: text messaging/utilization*



11. Example: letter

12. Publication type can describe the type of _____, the type of _____, or the source of funding.

13. Example: wolframín

14. Example: total hip replacement

15. _____ are synonymous or close in scope to the preferred MeSH term.

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://nml.gov/nto/professional-development/tutorials-recordings>

Advanced PubMed Tips, Tricks, and Tools recording: <https://youtu.be/ZNLrjB-FdWE>

MeSH dates tutorial: <https://youtu.be/CBU7FYJ5Hnk>

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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