

**ALUMNI MEDICAL LIBRARY  
BOSTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER**

**BUMC MEDLINE Plus/OVID Fact Sheet**

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**BUMC MEDLINE Plus/OVID** is Boston University Medical Center's in-house MEDLINE literature search system. BUMC MEDLINE Plus/OVID is available for use by faculty, staff and students of the Boston University and the Boston Medical Center. Available databases include MEDLINE, CINAHL, and several Evidence Based Medicine databases:

### **MEDLINE**

The MEDLINE database is produced by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and covers the fields of medicine, dentistry, psychiatry, public health, pharmacy, nursing and other biomedical sciences. BUMC MEDLINE contains the full MEDLINE database with over 11 million citations to worldwide journal literature from 1966 to the present.

### **CINAHL**

CINAHL [Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature] dates from 1982 to the present, and contains more than 200,000 citations to 550+ English-language nursing and allied health journals. CINAHL also provides citations to new books and pamphlets in nursing and allied health fields, audiovisual materials, dissertations, selected conference proceedings, standards of professional practice and educational software. The CINAHL database corresponds to the printed *Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature*.

### **Evidence Based Medicine Reviews Databases**

BUMC MEDLINE Plus/OVID contains **Evidence Based Medicine Reviews**, a collection of evidence-based healthcare resources designed for use by clinicians and researchers. Reflecting current practices in the medical field to base clinical practices on accumulated evidence from the primary medical literature, Evidence Based Medicine Reviews provides content from several premier sources.

The **Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (COCH)** contains reviews of current medical research, and includes the full text of the regularly updated systematic reviews of the effects of healthcare prepared by The Cochrane Collaboration. Each issue of COCH contains new and updated reviews and protocols. Once a review is published it will appear in every issue thereafter.

The **ACP Journal Club (ACP)** from the American College of Physicians consists of two journals: *ACP Journal Club* and *Evidence-Based Medicine*. The editors screen the top clinical journals and identify studies that are methodologically sound and clinically relevant. They write an enhanced abstract provide a commentary on the value of the article for clinical practice. Using this source, clinicians can quickly understand and apply to their practice important changes in medical knowledge, without having to read and synthesize for themselves thousands of journal articles.

The **Cochrane Controlled Trials Register (CCTR)** contains over 300,000 bibliographic references to controlled trials in health care. Cochrane groups and other organizations contribute their specialized registers; and these registers - together with references to clinical trials identified in MEDLINE and EMBASE - form the CCTR database of definitive controlled trials.

The **Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness (DARE)** is a full text database containing critical assessments of systematic reviews from a variety of medical journals. DARE is produced by the expert reviewers and information staff of the National Health Services' Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (NHS CRD) at the University of York, England, and consists of structured abstracts of systematic reviews from all over the world. DARE records cover topics such as diagnosis, prevention, rehabilitation, screening, and treatment.

## BUMC MEDLINE Plus/OVID System Features

### ➤ *Remote access from any location worldwide*

Using their individual login names & passwords, BUMC MEDLINE Plus/OVID searchers can login to the system from any computer that has an Internet connection or a modem.

### ➤ *Local Holdings option*

When a citation's "complete reference" is displayed, the "local holdings" field provides detailed information on which specific volumes and years of the journal title are owned by all of the Boston University libraries. Searchers may also limit with this option to see resources to which the Alumni Medical Library subscribes.

### ➤ *Full text journals online*

BUMC MEDLINE Plus/OVID contains over 1500 full text journals in two collections: **OVID Full Text** and **Open Links**. The library subscribes to the **OVID Full Text** collection which make available the full text of 110 core, clinical biomedical journals. Also available is the **Open Links** option, which includes links to the full text of more than 1200 journals directly from the publishers' Web sites. A complete list of OVID Full Text and Open Links titles is available on the Web at: <http://medlib.bu.edu/ejournals/>

### ➤ *Evidence Based Medicine Reviews Databases (EBMR)*

The *limit* option can be used to restrict search results to *all ebm resources*, which immediately locates articles from several premier EBM resources. These resources can also be selected on the "Database Selection" screen when logging onto BUMC MEDLINE Plus/OVID.

## BUMC MEDLINE Plus/OVID Login Names & Passwords

BUMC MEDLINE Plus/OVID is available for use by faculty, staff and students of the Boston University and the Boston Medical Center. The system can be accessed without individual login names and passwords from terminals in the Alumni Medical Library and the Mugar Library. Eligible users can also register for individual login names and passwords that will allow remote access from home or office computers.

Applications for remote access are available on the Web:

BUMC Students:	<a href="http://medlib.bu.edu/pdf/stumedapp.pdf">http://medlib.bu.edu/pdf/stumedapp.pdf</a>
BUMC Faculty and Staff:	<a href="http://medlib.bu.edu/pdf/facmedapp.pdf">http://medlib.bu.edu/pdf/facmedapp.pdf</a>
BMC Clinicians and Residents	<a href="http://medlib.bu.edu/pdf/facmedapp.pdf">http://medlib.bu.edu/pdf/facmedapp.pdf</a>
Charles River Campus Faculty, Staff, and Students:	<a href="http://medlib.bu.edu/forms/charlesriverovidapp.cfm">http://medlib.bu.edu/forms/charlesriverovidapp.cfm</a>

Completed applications and a photocopy of your BU or BMC ID card can be faxed to Debbie Bruno at 617-638-4478 (fax). You can also drop-off your completed application and show your BU or BMC ID at the Library Circulation or Reference desks. *Applications take approximately 10 working days to process.*

For more information about applying for a BUMC MEDLINE Plus/OVID account, or if you have lost your account login name and password, please contact Debbie Bruno at 617-638-4230 or [dbruno@bu.edu](mailto:dbruno@bu.edu).

## Connecting to BUMC MEDLINE Plus/OVID from Home or Office Computers

Remote users with a valid login name and password can access BUMC MEDLINE Plus/OVID from any computer that has Internet access: <http://med-libinfo.bu.edu/ovid/ovidweb.cgi>

## Training

MEDLINE classes are always available by appointment. To view a workshop schedule or to register for a workshop, contact the Library Reference desk at 617-638-4228 or [refquest@med-libwww.bu.edu](mailto:refquest@med-libwww.bu.edu). Workshop descriptions and schedules are available on the Web at: <http://medlib.bu.edu/workshops/>

*For more information about BUMC MEDLINE Plus/OVID, contact a reference librarian at 617-638-4228 or [refquest@medlib.bu.edu](mailto:refquest@medlib.bu.edu)*