Search Strategies for Using Several Databases for Locating Aboriginal Health Information

Sample search strategies are given focusing on health and wellness of Elders in First Nations, Metis, Inuit and Native American communities.

Search keywords can be modified to suit your topic.

Contact Janice Linton, Aboriginal Health Librarian & Liaison Librarian for Community Health Sciences for assistance with developing the optimum search strategy to meet your needs.
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Scopus  Note: In Scopus, use the Add Search Field option to add additional rows of boxes, to do an advanced search.

Search Strategy =
Elder OR elders
AND aboriginal OR “first nations” OR metis OR inuit* OR “native american*”
AND health* OR well* OR healing OR healer*

Note: limit to English = Language applied
Ebscohost (databases selected = Academic Search Complete; AgeLine; CINAHL; Women’s Studies International)  Note: Limit applied to last 20 years

Search strategy =

aboriginal OR "first nations" OR metis OR inuit* OR "native american*"
AND elderly OR elders
AND health* OR wellness OR "well being" OR wellbeing
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1st ed.; 1986. (768, 220p.) Presents the findings and recommendations of an American Psychiatric Association (APA) task force on the availability and adequacy of psychological services for minority groups in the United States. Forms a special chapter for African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic-American, and Native-American elderly, each discussing unique needs and providing guidelines for the development of standards of care. The study group failed to identify a specific minority group as the most vulnerable to mental illness, and the report notes that emphasis of mental health systems should be directed toward the needs of the elderly population as a whole. The American Psychiatric Association is a voluntary organization of psychiatrists united to exert leadership in the advancement of psychiatry and the provision of science-based health care for the mentally ill. Description: v. ; 22 cm.

Aging into the spirit: from traditional wisdom to innovative programs and communities.

By Kate Chess, San Francisco, Winter 1989-90, 30(4), 18-40. National Alliance on Aging. Series: National Alliance on Aging. This monograph is intended to help different faiths cooperate in developing social services for the elderly. It discusses the varying spiritual traditions and how they can be used to create spiritual programs for older people. Description: 30(4), 18-40, v. ; 22 cm.
PsycINFO (using ProQuest)

Search strategy =

aboriginal OR "first nations" OR metis OR inuit* OR "native american*"
AND elder* OR "older adult**"  Note: Limits applied were items published after 1994 and in English
In Google Scholar, use the Advanced Search Feature

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If you are not affiliated with the UM, use your most convenient link to Google Scholar or a link through your college or university library
Search strategy =

Elderly health

AND

“first nations” metis inuit “native American” aboriginal
Google Advanced Search  http://www.google.ca/advanced_search

Search strategy =

Elderly health

AND “first nations” inuit metis aboriginal “native American”  Note: Select File Type = PDF
This is an example of the kinds of results you could get using Google Advanced for this topic. Many are community-based or scholarly reports, policy documents, and publications from a range of government departments, communities and non-profit organizations.
Google Books strategy allows you to search within many books, to identify chapters specific to health of Indigenous Elders

You can click on the link below to generate a search

https://www.google.ca/search?q=elderly+health+aboriginal+OR+%22first+nations%22+OR+inuit+OR+metis+OR+%22native+american%22&num=10&gws_rd=ssl#tbm=bks&q=elderly+health+aboriginal+OR+%22first+nations%22+OR+inuit+OR+metis+OR+%22native+american%22

Search strategy in Google Books =

Elderly health

AND

aboriginal "first nations" inuitmetis "native american"

Note: Google Books will attempt to search “first” OR “nations” OR “native” OR “American” as separate concepts. The link to the search strategy above has been modified to force Google Books to search for “First Nations” OR “Native American” people. Contact janice.linton@umanitoba.ca if you need further assistance with this.
You can use the University of Manitoba Libraries Catalogue to search for books, DVDs, government reports, etc. This is also a good way to identify books and reports that may be available on the internet or in other libraries. **Note:** Make sure you have clicked on the tab to search only the Catalogue

Simple keyword searching can be done

**e.g. aboriginal elder* health**

**e.g. (aboriginal OR métis OR inuit*) AND elder***

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| Don Mills, ON: New York: Oxford University Press 2011 |
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| Profiles of Métis elders | Ottawa: Métis Centre, National Aboriginal Health Organization 2001
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| Available at: John Munk Health Sciences Library Aboriginal Health (WA 339 8472a 2006) and other locations |
| Working with indigenous elders: an introductory handbook based on the teachings of Winnipeg-area |
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For example:
- (aboriginal OR "native american*" OR metis OR inuit) AND elderly AND (health* OR well*)
- (aboriginal OR "native american*" OR metis OR inuit) AND elderly AND (health* OR well*)