Using Expert Searches and Filters in OvidSP

Expert Searches and Filters are tried and tested search strategies that help you narrow down your search and enhance the precision of your results.

The advantage of adding a pre-determined Expert Search or Filter to your search is that you benefit from the expertise of either search professionals working for organizations such as the Cochrane Collaboration or SIGN, or seasoned online researchers with many hundreds of hours of search experience.

Follow the steps below to get access to Expert Searches and Filters to streamline your research!

Note: You must have an Ovid Personal Account in order to access OvidSP filters and Expert Searches.

1. Using the **Advanced Search** mode in any Ovid database, perform your search strategy.

2. Log into your Personal Account with your Personal Account username and password. If you don’t have a Personal Account, you must create one to access Expert Searches and Filters.

3. Click the **My Searches & Alerts** link.

4. Scroll down to the list of **Expert Searches** that have been saved by your administrator or institution's Expert User.
5. Select the Expert Search or Filter you want and click the Run button.

6. Return to the main search page and combine the saved Expert Search/Filter results with your previous results using the AND button. This generates the best possible results set for evidence-based articles on Ovid Medline®, for example.

For more information, please see the Expert Searches page on Ovid’s Resource Center.

If you have any questions, please contact support@ovid.com