Steps for Using Medical Subject Headings in Medline (FirstSearch Database)

1. Open Medline from A-Z List of Databases [MEDLINE](https://www.rockvalleycollege.edu/Library/databases.cfm)

2. From Medline opening page, click on Icon shown below (Upper Left side of FirstSearch database Screen)

   ![Subjects Icon]

3. Enter a word or concept into the text box

   **Find Preferred Subject Headings**

   Use this screen to find the subject headings used in Medline. Enter a word or concept in the box and click on Find.

   **Word or concept**

4. To Search MEDLINE database, click on term displayed or to search database for a more specific term, click on **Expand**

   **Word or concept:**

   1. **Bacterial Infections** [Expand]

      *Used for: Bacterial Infection; Infection, Bacterial; Infections, Bacterial*

5. Review results of search

   **Medline List of Records**

   1. **Swab and aspiration specimen collection methods and antibiogram in chronic suppurative otitis media at Jos University Teaching Hospital: Which is superior?**
      
      **Author:** Adoga AS; Ma’an EN; Malu D, and others  
      
      ![See more details for locating this item]

   2. **Association of bacteria and viruses with wheezy episodes in young children: prospective birt**

6. Use icon below to Limit results by ☑️ **Subscriptions held by RVC library**

7. Identify the journal title and search Library Journals at [https://www.rockvalleycollege.edu/library/journals.cfm](https://www.rockvalleycollege.edu/library/journals.cfm)  
   You will be able to see whether the issue of the journal is available in print or online subscription

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