Canadian Indigenous Peoples Filters for Medline

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Challenges with MeSH Headings



MESH Geographic Headings

	[-]	V	Canada						
				Alberta					
				British Columbia					
				Manitoba					
				New Brunswick					
				Newfoundland and Labrador					
				Northwest Territories					
				Nova Scotia					
				Nunavut					
				Ontario					
				Prince Edward Island					
				Quebec					
				Saskatchewan					
				Yukon Territory					
	Greenland								
			Mexico						
	[+]		United	States					
[+]		South	America						
	Antarctic Regions								
	Arctic Regions								

Objectives

To create first-generation search filters that retrieve studies from the Ovid MEDLINE database related to Canadian Indigenous Peoples

Single line search that could be "cut and paste" into the OVID Medline search box

Creating the Filters

Identifying key terms

- Canadian Indigenous peoples and Canadian Geography
- Appropriate MeSH terms, current and historical names in multiple languages
- Local and settlement name, names of linguistic
- Indigenous groups or terms specific to the province or territory
- Sources: government, historical and ethnographic publications, gazettes, indigenous and govt websites

Results

- 12 Ovid MEDLINE filters for Canadian provinces and territories
- Filters retrieved 73% to 464% additional results over MeSH searches alone, with relevance ranging between 28-100%

Filter for Newfoundland & Labrador

(exp Inuits/ or exp Indians, North American/ or exp Health Services, Indigenous/ or Medicine, Traditional/ or Shamanism/ or Ethnopharmacology/ or (Inuit* or Eskimo* or Esquimau* or Innu or Inuk or Innus or Metis or Montagnais or Maliseet or Naskapi or Mikmaq or Micmac or Mic mac or Migmaw or Micmaw or Beothuk* or Indigenous* or Aboriginal* or Amerindian* or autochtone* or First Nation or First Nations or Urban Indian* or on reserve or off reserve* or country food* or medicine man or medicine woman or shaman* or ethnomedicine* or ethnopharmacology).mp. or (Native adj3 (man or men or women or woman or boy* or girl* or adolescent* or youth or youths or person* or adult or people* or Indian* or Nation Nations or tribe* or tribal or band or bands)).mp. or (traditional adj1 (medicine* or heal* or food*)).mp.) AND (exp "Newfoundland and Labrador"/ or (Newfoundland or Labrador or NFLD or Goose Bay or Sheshiatshiu or Nain or Rigolet or Hopedale or Utshimasset or Davis Inlet or Conne River or Postville or Makkovik or Lake Melville or Urahimassit).mp.) NOT (horse or pony or ponies or dog or dogs or puppy or puppies or canine or retriever*).mp.

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Comparison of MeSH and filtered Ovid MEDLINE searches for publications related to Canadian Indigenous peoples by province or territory

Province Region	ВС	AB	SK	МВ	ON	QC	NB	NS	NL	NU	NWT	YT
MESH Search	333	100	137	237	304	279	7	15	48	82	138	19
Filter Search	643	243	231	410	934	935	16	27	102	463	457	82
Difference	366	143	118	173	630	656	9	12	54	381	319	63
% Difference	+110%	+143%	+86%	+73%	+207%	+235%	+128%	+80%	+112%	+464%	+231%	+332%
% relevant publications retrieved from the filter search	69%	74%	77%	87%	28%	37%	67%	92%	100%	83%	64%	83%
Date Searched	17-Dec 2013	19-Dec 2013	17-Dec 2013	12-Nov 2013	19-Dec 2013	12-Nov 2013	20-Dec 2013	12-Nov 2013	12-Nov 2013	11-Dec 2013	20-Dec 2013	

Notes:

- 1. Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number
- 2. Prince Edward Island is not included because all combinations of terms relating to PEI and Indigenous Peoples results in only two articles.

Search filters

- retrieve more relevant results than MeSH terms alone
- improve efficiency for searching
- have implications for practice with regard to clinical and policy decisionmaking

Publication of the Filter

- JCHLA 35:5-10 (2014) doi: 10.5596/c14-10
- Freely available on the web
 - Versions for this project on U of A's institutional repository ERA
 - Most current versions on Health Sciences Search
 Filters LibGuide

http://guides.library.ualberta. ca/content.php?pid=448005

