



Health Reference Center

Scope: Provides access to health information for professionals and the consumer through medical and nursing journals, medical pamphlets, and medical reference books.

How to Access:

- Click once on the word “Chicopee CLIC” on the Chicopee Public Library homepage (www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org).
- Click once on the label “Health”.
- Click once on “Health Reference Center”.
- Log on using the CLIC username and password or your library card number. (Check the “Homework Helper” bookmark, or see the librarian, if you forget the username and password).

How to Search?

1. **Basic Search [default]:** Type in the topic you are interested in finding information about. Click Search. Search results are organized by material type across the top tabs [academic journals, magazines, books, news, and multimedia]. You can further narrow your results by document type on the left side.

Example: “chicken pox”

To access the article, click on full text or PDF link under the citation.

The screenshot shows the 'Health Reference Center Academic' search page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Bookmark', 'Dictionary', 'Title List', and 'Help'. Below this is a search bar with four tabs: 'Basic Search', 'Subject Guide Search', 'Publication Search', and 'Advanced Search'. The 'Basic Search' tab is selected. The main content area displays the text: 'Currently searching *Health Reference Center Academic* with 5,152,228 articles updated as recently as September 26, 2008'. Below this is a yellow search box with the title 'Basic Search'. It contains a 'Find:' label, a text input field, and a blue 'Search' button. Underneath the input field are three radio buttons for search criteria: 'Subject', 'Keyword' (which is selected), and 'Entire document'. A link for 'More search options' is located at the bottom of the search box.



2. **Subject Guide:** lists all indexed subjects in which the words you searched for occur, the terms can then be expanded or compacted for more or less granularity.
Example: Gastroenteritis is further searchable by analysis, care, cases, etc...
3. **Publication Search:** Search for a specific journal title and limit by subject and date.
Example: Academic Radiology
4. **Advanced Search:** Search across multiple fields with multiple key words. You can also limit by date and items with full text.

There is also a list of all indexed titles so you know what journals are included, and there is a dictionary to look up unfamiliar words.

Questions??

If you have questions, please ask a Reference Librarian and call us at 413-594-1800 x108 or visit us at 449 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013. Meebo: chicopee_ref