SilverPlatter Medline Guide
2001

Medline is a computer database of references to medical, dental, and nursing journal articles. Medline indexes more than 11 million journal articles from 1966 to the present. The articles come from 4,300 of the world’s leading biomedical journals.

This guide is for the WebSPIRS version of SilverPlatter Medline only. There are other versions of Medline available; they will look different from the version of Medline presented here. The main value of this version of Medline is its flexibility and the linking of many full text electronic journals to the references found.

Access to Medline

In Barr Smith Library you can use Medline from any of the Catalogue plus computers, or for students the Student Computers.

Medline on Catalogue Plus computers

1 Enter the library barcode from your student card
   it’s in the form 1501111111X
If you find any program on the screen exit from it. Do this even if the program on the screen is Medline! You should now find the screen that includes the Catalogue+ icon.
2 Point the mouse arrow at the Catalogue plus icon (Fig 1).
   It will change from an arrow to a hand shape.

Figure 1 The Catalogue plus icon.

3 Click the left hand mouse key twice in quick succession while the hand is showing on the icon.
The Library web page will appear (Fig 2).
4 Click once on the text ‘Electronic databases’ to the right of the Electronic resources button. A new page will appear with an alphabetical index for choosing databases and electronic full text journals (Fig. 3).

5 Click once on M. A list of the names of databases and journals beginning with M appears (Fig. 4).
6 Scroll down and click once on **MEDLINE on SilverPlatter** (Fig. 4). A *Medline* information page will appear (Fig. 5).

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<th>Title:</th>
<th>MEDLINE on SilverPlatter [electronic resource] / NLM U.S. National Library of Medicine</th>
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<td>Timespan:</td>
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<td>Monthly, with annual cumulations</td>
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<td>Use of this resource is governed by license agreements which restrict access to members of the Adelaide University community, for purposes of non-commercial research, education or personal use. Access is available from both within and outside the University network. <a href="http://www.library.adelaide.edu.au/cgi-bin/director?id=medline">http://www.library.adelaide.edu.au/cgi-bin/director?id=medline</a></td>
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<td>Summary:</td>
<td>Indexes international journals in biomedical research, health policy, health care and clinical practice.</td>
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Figure 5. The Library's *Medline* information page.

7 Click once on the internet address [http://www.library.adelaide.edu.au/cgi-bin/director?id=medline](http://www.library.adelaide.edu.au/cgi-bin/director?id=medline) Two WebSPIRS pages will appear. The screen that gives you a choice of *Medline* database subsets will be at the front (Fig. 6).
To choose the subsets of Medline you want, click once in the box to the left of the subset name. A tick mark will appear (Fig. 6). If you wish you can continue and select other subsets. Medline can do a search on a couple of subsets and then be asked to repeat the search on other subsets later.

All the examples in this workbook were run on the 1997-1999 subset.

When you have selected all the subsets you want.

Click once on ‘Open Selected Databases’ (Fig. 6). The Medline ‘Find’ page appears (Fig. 7).
Using *Medline* from the Student Computers or using *Medline* outside the Library

1. Open Netscape (or Explorer) as usual.
2. Enter the internet address (URL)
   
   http://www.library.adelaide.edu.au/erc/

3. Proceed from step 5 in the section above.

If you are using a computer from outside the University network you'll be challenged to provide your Library barcode and Library PIN. If you don't have a Library PIN you can find information on how to establish one at