



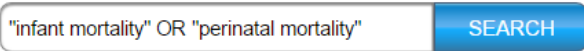

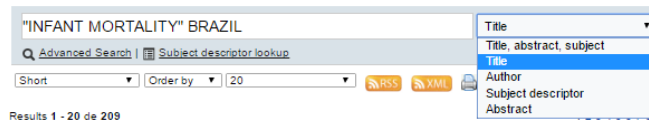


VHL SEARCH QUICK GUIDE <http://bvsalud.org/en/>

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| Start the search |  <small>Advanced search DeCS/MeSH</small> | Access the VHL Regional Portal http://bvsalud.org/en/ and type one or more words or phrases in the search box and click the button SEARCH. |
| Search for phrases or compound terms |  <small>Advanced search DeCS/MeSH</small> | Type phrases or compound terms in quotes " " |
| Search for word derivations from a radical (truncation) |  <small>Advanced search DeCS/MeSH</small> Brazil\$ = Brazil , Brazilian, etc. | Use the symbol \$ or * after the word radical. <i>Note:</i> This resource cannot be used with phrases or compound terms in quotes. |
| Two or more words or phrases must be in the search result |  <small>Advanced search DeCS/MeSH</small> | AND operator between each word or phrase. <i>Note:</i> the AND operator is a system default, which makes its use optional when typing it between terms. |
| At least one or another word or phrase must be in the search result |  <small>Advanced search DeCS/MeSH</small> | Use the OR operator between each word or phrase. |
| Delete words or phrases from the search result |  <small>Advanced search DeCS/MeSH</small> | Use the AND NOT operator before the word or phrase you wish to delete. |
| Establish the correct search order |  <small>Advanced search DeCS/MeSH</small> | Use the parentheses () to set the search order. Use for expressions which apply the AND and OR operators in the same search. |

Search for words and phrases on document **Titles**.



Select the **Title** field next to the search box. In this case, all words and phrases will be searched on document titles.



Or type the code **TI** followed by a colon **:** before the word or phrase you wish to search on the document titles.

Refine the search result



Use the filters (or *clusters*) to refine your search.

Select one or more items from one or more filters and click the FILTER button to refine your search result.

Search Tips

- Begin your search with few words or phrases then use the filters to refine your search.
- Choose words or phrases which are most relevant to your search topic.
- Uppercase and lowercase letters, as well as word accentuation (Portuguese and Spanish), DO NOT make any difference in your search result.
- The search in the Subject Descriptor field MeSH/DeCS can be made in Portuguese, English or Spanish

About MeSH/DeCS

DeCS – Health Sciences Descriptors is a controlled trilingual vocabulary (Portuguese, English and Spanish), an enlarged translation for MeSH – *Medical Subject Headings*. The descriptors are used to represent the subject of the indexed documents in the main health databases such as MEDLINE and LILACS.

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There are other searching options in the VHL Portal, such as the Search by Descriptor MeSH/DeCS. To know more refer to **How to Search** In the VHL home page.