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<td>Access the VHL Regional Portal <a href="http://bvsalud.org/en/">http://bvsalud.org/en/</a> and type one or more words or phrases in the search box and click the button SEARCH.</td>
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<td>Search for phrases or compound terms</td>
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| Search for word derivations from a radical (truncation) | ![Search Example]("INFANT MORTALITY" BRAZIL$). | Use the symbol $ or * after the word radical.  
*Note:* This resource cannot be used with phrases or compound terms in quotes. |
| Two or more words or phrases must be in the search result | ![Search Example](INFANT MORTALITY BRAZIL$). | **AND** operator between each word or phrase.  
*Note:* 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 | ![Search Example]("infant mortality" OR "perinatal mortality"). | **OR** operator between each word or phrase. |
| Delete words or phrases from the search result | ![Search Example](INFANT MORTALITY AND NOT BRAZIL). | Use the **AND NOT** operator before the word or phrase you wish to delete. |
| Establish the correct search order | ![Search Example]("INFANT MORTALITY" (BRAZIL OR CHILE)). | Use the parentheses ( ) to set the search order. Use for expressions which apply the **AND** and **OR** operators in the same search. |
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

Refine the search result

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

Search for words and phrases 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.

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.

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.