British Nursing Index

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Description

British Nursing Index is a leading database for support of practice, education, research, and development for nurses, midwives, and their health providers in the UK or following UK practice. It provides bibliographic references to literature in the most relevant nursing and midwifery journals. Also included are relevant nursing articles from selected medical, allied health, community and health management journals. Coverage is mainly titles published in the UK, plus a selection of important international nursing titles.

British Nursing Index includes an online thesaurus, uniquely designed to reflect British practice and organization of nursing, midwifery and health visiting. The thesaurus provides detailed definitions of the terms, along with broader, narrower, and related terms.

British Nursing Index is compiled by a cross-sectoral partnership of libraries serving nursing and midwifery practitioners, educators, managers and students:
Bournemouth University, Poole Hospital NHS Foundation
Trust, Salisbury Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, and the Royal College of Nursing.

Subject Coverage

British Nursing Index provides comprehensive coverage of all nursing, midwifery, and related fields, including:

- A&E Nursing
- Breast-Care Nursing
- Community Matrons
- District Nursing
- Falls in the Elderly
- Hand Hygiene
- Learning Disabilities
- Midwifery Role
- NHS
- Practice Development
- Postnatal Depression
- Psychiatric Nursing
- Resuscitation
- Student Nurses
- Theatre Nursing
- Wound Care

Date Coverage

1994-present

Update Frequency

Monthly

Geographic Coverage

United Kingdom

Document Types

Journal Articles

Publisher

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Sample document



Search fields

Field Name	Field Code	Example	Description and Notes	
Abstract	AB	ab(healthcare NEAR/2 professional)	Present from 2004 on; prior to 2004, documents contain annotated titles.	
Abstract present	ABANY	"extracorporeal membrane oxygenation" AND abany(yes)	Add AND ABANY(YES) to a query to limit retrieval to records with abstracts.	
Accession number	AN	an(1185268)	Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool.	
All fields + text		clinician? AND (family or patient) N/5 communication		
Author ¹	AU	au("mckenna h")		
Author First Name	AUFN	aufn(h*)		
Author Last Name	AULN	auln(mckenna)	Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool.	
First author	FAU	fau(bremner jeni)	First name listed in author field.	
Document title	TI	ti("understanding patient nutrition")	Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool.	
Document type	DTYPE	dtype(article)	All documents in BNI are journal articles.	
First available	FAV	fav(20140512)	Indicates the first time a document was loaded in a specific database on PQD. It will not change regardless of how many times the record is subsequently reloaded, as long as the accession number does not change.	
From database ²	FDB	"transcatheter aortic valve replacement" AND fdb(britishnursingindex) "transcatheter aortic valve replacement" AND fdb(1008213)	Useful in multi-file searches to isolate records from a single file. FDB cannot be searched on its own; specify at least one search term then AND it with FDB.	
ISSN	ISSN	issn(0951-4848) issn(09514848)	Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool. Use of hyphens is optional.	
Issue	ISS	iss(4)	Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool.	
Journal title	JN	jn("health services")	Look Up list available under Publication title.	
Language	LA	la(english)		
Language of abstract	SL	sl(English)	Summary language	
Note	NT	nt(march 2010)	Includes Journal Announcement Date field.	
Pagination	PG	pg(11) pg(5-9)	The start page is searchable on the Look Up Citation page.	
ProQuest document ID	AN	an(1523398806)	Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool.	

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¹ A Lookup/Browse feature is available for this field in the Advanced Search dropdown or in Browse Fields.

² Click the "Field codes" hyperlink at the top right of the Advanced Search page. Click "Search syntax and field codes", then click on "FDB command" to get a list of database names and codes that can be searched with FDB.

Field Name	Field Code	Example	Description and Notes	
Publication date	PD	pd(20111019) pd(20090101-20090201)	Date range searching is supported. Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool.	
Publication title ¹	PUB	pub("health services management research")	Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool.	
Publication type	STYPE	stype(scholarly journals)	All sources in BNI are scholarly journals.	
Publication year	YR	yr(2014) yr(>2009)	Range searching is supported.	
Publisher	PB	pb("sage publications")		
Publisher location	PBLOC	pbloc("united kingdom")		
Subject ¹	SU	su("care plans and planning") su("Health Service Finance")	Subject terms may be selected from the online thesaurus.	
Updated	UD	ud(20140512)	The date(s) the record was loaded as a result of an update provided by the supplier.	
Volume	VO	vo(26)	Also searchable via the Look Up Citation tool.	

Search tools

Field codes are used to search document fields, as shown in the sample document. Field codes may be used in searches entered on the **Basic Search**, **Advanced Search**, and **Command Line** search pages. **Limit options**, **Look up lists**, and **"Narrow results by" filters** tools are available for searching. Some data can be searched using more than one tool.

Limit options

Limit options are quick and easy ways of searching certain common concepts. Check boxes are available for:

Abstract included

Date limiters are available in which you can select single dates or ranges for date of publication.

Browse fields

You can browse the contents of certain fields by using Look Up lists. These are particularly useful to validate spellings or the presence of specific data. Terms found in the course of browsing may be selected and automatically added to the Advanced Search form. Look Up lists are available in the fields drop-down for:

Author, Publication title, Subject

Thesaurus

British Nursing Index Thesaurus is available by clicking on the "Thesaurus" hyperlink on the Advanced Search page. Thesaurus terms may be searched within the thesaurus, then selected to be added automatically to the Advanced Search form.

"Narrow Results By" filters

When results of a search are presented, the results display is accompanied by a list of "Narrow results by" options shown on the right-hand panel. Click on any of these options and you will see a ranked list showing the most frequently occurring terms in your results. Click on term(s) to include or exclude and apply them to ("narrow") your search results. "Narrow results by" filters in British Nursing Index include

Author, Publication title, Subject, Publication date

Look up citation

If you need to trace a particular bibliographic reference, use the Look Up Citation feature. Find a link to this toward the top left of the Advanced Search page, or in the drop list under Advanced on any search form; click this and you will go to a form where you can enter any known details of the citation, including document title, author, journal name, volume, issue, page, publication date, ISSN.

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Document Format	Fields	Online	Export / Download
Brief view	Title and Publication date.	✓	
Detailed view	Same as Brief view plus a 3-line KWIC window.	√	
KWIC (Keyword in Context)	Detailed view plus all occurrences of your search terms, highlighted within the fields where the terms occur.	✓	√
Preview	Title, Author, Publication title, Publisher, Volume, Issue, Pagination, Publication date, Abstract.	√	
Brief citation	Complete record minus Abstract and Indexing	✓	√
Citation	Complete record minus the abstract		
Full text	Complete record with Full text	√3	√
Full text – PDF	PDF version of the original article	√3	
Full text plus graphics	Complete record with Full text and graphics (e.g., charts, etc.)	√3	
Citation / Abstract	Complete record	√3	✓
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