

Allied and Complementary Medicine™

FILE DESCRIPTION

Allied and Complementary Medicine™ is a unique database covering the fields of complementary or alternative medicine and allied health. Descriptors used in indexing the records are based on MeSH (Medical Subject Headings).

The information in this database will be of interest to anyone who needs to know more about alternatives to conventional medicine, such as: doctors, nurses, podiatrists, and other medical practitioners, therapists, and members of health care libraries, specialist colleges, self-help groups and the pharmaceutical industry, as well as allied health professionals like physiotherapists and occupational therapists whose practice is conventional.

Approximately 400 biomedical journals are indexed regularly, and relevant articles are taken from other journals. The database includes English-language and European sources; newspapers and books are also indexed.

SUBJECT COVERAGE

Topics covered include:

- acupuncture
- ayurvedic medicine
- chiropractic
- diet therapy
- healing research
- herbalism
- holistic treatment
- homeopathy
- hypnosis
- iridology
- meditation
- moxibustion
- occupational therapy
- osteopathy
- palliative care (beginning 1997)
- physiotherapy
- podiatry (beginning 1996)
- psychotherapy
- reflexology
- rehabilitation
- the Alexander Technique
- traditional Chinese medicine and
- yoga.

TIPS

USE FILE 164

to locate information on alternatives to clinical medicine.

Expand on descriptors (based on MeSH)

to retrieve a complete term e.g.,

E CLINICAL

(Clinical Assessment Scales, Clinical Protocols, Clinical Trials, etc.)

USE RT=

to choose between 2 record types

RT=ABSTRACT or

RT=CITATION

USE British and American Spellings

where appropriate, e.g., homoeopathy or homeopathy; anaesthesia or anesthesia.

DIALOG FILE DATA

Inclusive Dates: 1985 to present

Update Frequency: Monthly

File Size: 166,053 records as of November 2003

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SAMPLE RECORD

DIALOG(R)File 164:Allied & Complementary Medicine
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AA= 9146569

/TI Sequential occupational dexterity assessment (SODA):
a new test to measure hand disability.

AU= van Lankveld W; van't Pad Bosch P; Bakker J;
Terwindt S; Franssen M; van Riel P

SO=, JN= J Hand Ther, VOLUME: 9, ISSUE: 1, PAGE: 27-32

PY=, PD= 1996

DT=, LA= DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal Article LANGUAGE: English

RT= RECORD TYPE: Abstract

/AB ABSTRACT: Measuring hand-related disability poses a problem due to a lack of validated tests. This report introduces the sequential occupational dexterity assessment (SODA), a test that measures bimanual dexterity in daily life. The design of the SODA is described. Validity and reliability of the SODA are demonstrated in a sample of patients with rheumatoid arthritis (RA), in whom impairment of the hands may cause serious disability in daily life. Good reliability was found, as measured by internal consistency, test-retest correlation, and interrater stability. Validity was established by relating the SODA to a number of other variables. Current disease activity was only weakly related to the SODA score. Impairment of the hands is more strongly related to dexterity than to current disease activity. However, dexterity could vary considerably in patients with similar degrees of impairment. Pain during the SODA proved to be more important for dexterity than general level of pain. Considerable variation was found in self-reported and observed dexterity. It was concluded that the SODA may guide the therapist in making decisions about hand therapy. The use of the SODA allows standardized evaluation of the effects of hand surgery on bimanual dexterity.

/DE DESCRIPTORS - Entry Term: HAND; ARTHRITIS
RHEUMATOID; DISABILITY EVALUATION; ACTIVITIES OF DAILY
LIVING; REHABILITATION; BIOMECHANICS; PHYSIOLOGICAL
TESTING; METHODS

SEARCH OPTIONS

BASIC INDEX

SEARCH SUFFIX	DISPLAY CODE	FIELD NAME	INDEXING	SELECT EXAMPLES
—	—	All Basic Index Fields	Word	S ALTERNATIVE(W)MEDICINE
/AB	AB	Abstract ^{1,4}	Word	S SODA(W)SCORE/AB
/DE	DE	Descriptor ^{2,3}	Word & Phrase	S PHYSIOLOGICAL(W)TESTING/DE
/ID	ID	Identifier ⁴	Word & Phrase	S DISABILITY EVALUATION/DE
/TI	TI	Title	Word	S SALINE(W)SOLUTION/ID
				S ABDOMINAL PAIN/ID
				S OCCUPATIONAL(W)DEXTER?/TI

¹ May also include English Summary if journal article is non-English

⁴ Not present in every record.

² Contains Keywords, and Minor Terms

³ Also /DF.

ADDITIONAL INDEXES

SEARCH PREFIX	DISPLAY CODE	FIELD NAME	INDEXING	SELECT EXAMPLES
AA=	AA	The British Library Record Number	Phrase	S AA=9146569
AU=	AU	Author	Phrase	S AU=VAN LANKVELD W
—	AZ	DIALOG Accession Number		
DT=	DT	Document Type	Phrase	S DT=REVIEW
—	IS	Issue		
JN=	JN	Journal Name	Phrase	S JN=J HAND THER
LA=	LA	Language	Phrase	S LA=ENGLISH
PD=	PD	Publication Date	Phrase	S PD=19960101
—	PG	Page		
PY=	PY	Publication Year	Phrase	S PY=1996
RT=	RT	Record Type	Phrase	S RT=ABSTRACT
SO=	SO	Source	Word	S SO=(J(W)HAND(W)THER?)
UD=	—	Update	Phrase	S UD=9999
—	VO	Volume		

SPECIAL FEATURES

For command descriptions, enter HELP LIMIT, HELP SORT, HELP RANK, HELP DUP, HELP CURRENT online.

LIMIT	/ABS -- Abstract Present /ENG -- English-Language Records /ES -- English Summary for a Non-English Abstract /YYYY -- Publication Year	S S3/ABS S S3/ENG S S4/ES S S2/1996:1997
SORT	AU, JN, PD, PY, TI	SORT S5/ALL/PY,D
RANK	All phrase- and numeric-indexed fields in the Additional Indexes can be ranked.	RANK DE RANK AU S4
RD, ID	Remove duplicates (RD) or identify duplicates (ID,IDO).	RD S5
CURRENT	Search only the most recent year plus one (CURRENT1) to five (CURRENT5) years.	B 164 CURRENT2

PREDEFINED FORMAT OPTIONS

NO.	DIALOGWEB FORMAT	RECORD CONTENT
1	--	DIALOG Accession Number
2	--	Full Record Except Abstract ⁴
3	Medium	Bibliographic Citation ⁴
4	--	Full Record with Tagged Fields ^{1,4}
5	--	Full Record ^{1,4}
6	Free	Title and Publication Date
7	Long	Bibliographic Citation and Abstract ^{1,4}
8	Short	Title, Indexing, and Publication Date ⁴
9	Full	Full Record ^{1,4}
K	--	KWIC (Key Word In Context) displays a window of text; may be used alone or with other formats

OTHER OUTPUT OPTIONS

For an explanation, enter HELP TYPE, HELP UDF, HELP TAG online.

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TAG	Output can be displayed with tags identifying each display field.	TYPE/6,AB/ALL TAG
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