

FYS FALL 2004- Prof.Tong - IS ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE A FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE?

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Remember to note the full citation for each resource you plan to use for your assignments. If you have a writing manual for this course, follow the recommended format for providing citations.

USING ELIZA, WALLACE LIBRARY'S ONLINE CATALOG

ELIZA is the Wallace Library's online catalog. Access **ELIZA** from the Library Home Page (Select the Web version). Use **ELIZA** to locate materials owned or accessible from the library, including books, Reference materials, government publications, journals, newspapers, Videocassettes, music, links to online resources and indexes, etc. The most frequently used search options are author, title, keyword and subject. Within **ELIZA**, you will find basic instructions and examples for each type of search you select. Pay close attention to instructions for using special search expressions such as AND and OR.

KEY WORD AND SUBJECT SEARCH

Try the keyword and subject search options in **ELIZA** to find useful library materials for your research. A keyword search is generally the best place to start if you are not sure of the specific item you are trying to find. If you find an item of interest, look at the detailed record to find the subject headings assigned to the item. Click on the subject heading that most specifically describes the information you need.

Try the following:

- Perform a **keyword** search using the phrase “**alternative medicine or complementary medicine**”.
- Click the "**Extended Display**" button.
- Use the "**Limit this Search**" button.
- Look at the detailed record for the item you select. Note the call number. You will need this to find the material in the library.
- Try the **subject links** provided within the record.

Practice other searches to find material for your assignment. Then use the **location** and **call number** to find the material in the library.

USING ELIZA TO LOCATE JOURNALS AND PERIODICALS

Use the following instructions for locating journals and periodicals through **ELIZA**:

http://library.wheatoncollege.edu/screens/srchhint_03.html

To find all periodicals available (in paper, microfilm or electronic format) from Wheaton covering the topic of medicine, try entering the following SUBJECT SEARCH in **Eliza**:

Medicine periodicals

Examine the record for **Aging and Society**. Identify the forms in which the journal is available.

USING INDEXES TO FIND JOURNAL AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

While **ELIZA** can be used to find a periodical title, you will need to use an electronic index to locate specific articles within journals and newspapers.

The search patterns will vary in each database. Reference librarians are available to help.

These indexes and databases are available to the Wheaton Community through the Wallace Library Home page. They are not available if you are searching the web through a search engine.

InfoTrac

InfoTrac is a good general index for locating material in all disciplines, including medicine.

- Some articles are available in full-text
- If full-text is not available, use **ELIZA** to search for the journal title.
- If the article cannot be accessed online or in the collections, **Interlibrary Loan** may be able to obtain it.

From the library homepage:

Select **Electronic Resources**

Select **InfoTrac**.

Select **Expanded Academic ASAP** and click the link to "start searching."

Try a **keyword** search combining the terms **alternative OR complementary medicine** in the search window. Limit search to **refereed articles**, and date "after" 2000.

Try a **subject** search for **Chiropractic medicine** using the same limits. Go to full text of first article and scroll to end for related subjects.

OVID Databases: More specific, more academic than INFOTRAC

MEDLINE

WILSON GENERAL SCIENCE ABSTRACTS

EVALUATING INFORMATION YOU FIND ON THE WEB

While the Web will provide you with much valuable information, you should carefully assess each Web source you use for **accuracy, objectivity, authority, coverage, and currency.**

The following tutorial from the Cornell University provides an excellent overview of site evaluation. Evaluating Web Sites- Criteria... -- Cornell University <http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/webeval.html>

POWERPOINT TUTORIAL

PowerPoint is available on most public computers at Wheaton. The College owns a site license for Microsoft Office, and you can obtain a copy at no charge. Call the Computing Support Center (x3900) if you need the application for your personal computer.

For a quick overview of **PowerPoint:**

<http://www.microsoft.com/education/tutorial/classroom/o2k/ppt.asp>

WHEN YOU NEED FURTHER HELP:

Remember, this is just a starting point for developing your research skills while at Wheaton! Reference Librarians are here to help you and WELCOME your questions! **You can schedule a private appointment for research assistance.** Check the library web site for reference desk hours and further information. Make an appointment with me for individual help.

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See following pages for specific titles of related books and web sites.

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Book Titles from ELIZA

- [Understanding the placebo effect in complementary medicine](#) : edited by David Peters
- [The American Holistic Medical Association guide to holistic](#) Larry Trivieri, Jr. and the American Holistic Medical Association
- [BMC complementary and alternative medicine \[computer file\]](#)
- [The complementary and alternative medicine information source](#) edited by Alan M. Rees
- [Global perspectives on complementary and alternative medicine](#) special editors of this volume, Helen E. Sheehan, Barrett P.
- [Health and happiness: starting the search](#) [video recording]: Beacon Productions, Inc
- [Integrating complementary medicine into health systems](#) edited by Nancy J. Faass
- [Natural compounds in cancer therapy](#) John Boik
- [The New York Times guide to alternative health: a consumer](#) by Jane E. Brody, Denise Grady, and the reporters of the New
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SITES OF INTEREST

The Center for Mind-Body Medicine

<http://cmbm.org>

Resources on “complementary “ cancer care combining standard and alternative therapies. Examine this sight for accuracy, reliability, authority, and currency. Find the **Resources** link to the **On-line Resources** link and locate the links to “**Complementary and Alternative Medicine**” websites.

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

<http://nccam.nih.gov/>

Investigates alternative medical treatments and the integration of these treatments into mainstream medical practice.

American Academy of Medical Acupuncture

<http://www.medicalacupuncture.org/>

Member physicians promote research and the integration of acupuncture with Western medical training.

Herb Research Foundation

<http://www.herbs.org/>

Provides science-based information on the health benefits and safety of medicinal herbs.

Health World Online

<http://www.herbs.org/>

A listing and identification of natural and conventional health information

Chiropractic Medicine Internet Resources

<http://www.holisticmed.com/www/chiropractic.html>

A gateway to resources on the practice and research of Chiropractic Medicine

Center for Mindfulness

<http://www.umassmed.edu/cfm/srp/>

Information on Stress Reduction program at U. Mass. Medical Center, Worcester, MA