

Research Tips

Developing your Topic

Developing a topic is one of the first steps you take when writing a research paper that continues as you search for resources. Here are a few things to consider when deciding on your topic:

- 1) Is your topic original? Does it take a fresh perspective on a particular subject or issue? Would it be of interest to you and your colleagues?
- 2) Does the topic meet the requirements of your assignment or course?
- 3) Is there enough information available to conduct research on the topic? Are there too many or too little resources that relate to your subject?

REMEMBER! Topics are ideas for the subject of your research paper. Your first idea may not be the final topic that you include in your writing. As you look for books, articles and other information resources, you may find that your topic is either too broad or too narrow and will need to be adjusted according to the information that is available.

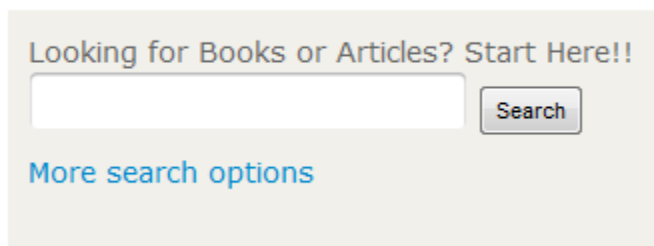
Searching for Resources – Where to Begin?

Here are some suggested areas for beginning your search for resources that can be accessed via the Touro-Middletown Library [website](#).

1) Quick Search

The library Quick Search allows users to search for everything that is in the library collection including books, eBooks, journals, databases, etc.

Quick Search



Looking for Books or Articles? Start Here!!

[More search options](#)

2) Databases

The database list provides access to a variety of databases such as PubMed, MEDLINE, and ProQuest. Users can search for peer-reviewed, scholarly journal articles including full text.

Find Articles - Touro Middletown

Select subject area:

Health Sciences

The following subscribed resources are restricted to the Touro community. They can be accessed

Includes journals Open Access (does not require Touro affiliation)

Featured databases:

[Access Medicine Case Files Collection \(Trial\)](#)

All databases:

[Access Medicine Case Files Collection \(Trial\)](#)

[AccessMedicine](#)

[Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality](#)

[Allied and Complementary Medicine Database \(Ovid\)](#)

[AMA Manual of Style online](#)

[Anatomy.tv -- Primal Pictures](#)

[Bates Physical Examination](#)

[Cambridge Books Online](#)

[CINAHL Plus with Full Text \(EBSCO\)](#)

[ClinicalKey](#)

[Daily Meds](#)

[Dissertations & Theses @ Touro](#)

[Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary](#)

3) Library Catalog

The library catalog is an excellent place to search for print books, eBooks and journals.

Keyword Author Title NLM Subject LC Subject ISBN/ISSN

Type the keyword(s) in the box below then press Enter or click the Submit button.

Sorted By: Middletown

Type the keywords you want to find. For example:

- COMLEX
- No Child Left Behind
- USMLE Step 2

Other Searches:

- ▶ Advanced Search
- ▶ Author and Title Search
- ▶ NLM Call Number
- ▶ LC Call Number
- ▶ Course Reserves

4) A-Z Journal List

In the A-Z Journal List, users can search/browse through our vast collection of academic journals as another method to find articles. We recommend using the A-Z Journal list to find articles that were discovered through PubMed or Google Scholar and did not have full text available.

Online Journals

Search by Title or Identifier (ISSN/ISBN):

Title begins with

If you already have a citation and want full text, try [Citation Linker](#)

Browse by Title:

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Browse by Subject:

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|--|---|
| Art, Architecture & Applied Arts | Journalism & Communications |
| Business & Economics | Languages & Literatures |
| Earth & Environmental Sciences | Law, Politics & Government |
| Engineering & Applied Sciences | Music, Dance, Drama & Film |
| General | Philosophy & Religion |
| Health & Biological Sciences | Physical Sciences & Mathematics |
| History & Archaeology | Social Sciences |

Additional Resources

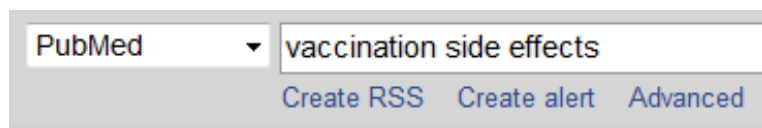
Search Subject Databases by Keyword:

Select a database

Searching for Resources – Creating a Search Query

1) When beginning a search for books or journal articles, it's best to use a few terms that are related to your topic. For example, if your topic was "Side Effects of HPV Vaccinations" you could start out with terms such as vaccination side effects. If you enter complete sentences, questions or too many words in one search query, you may not receive any results.

2) Entering broad or general terms into a search will yield more results and will provide you with the opportunity to find more information on the subject. At the same time, it will be more time consuming to find relevant articles especially if thousands were returned in the results list.



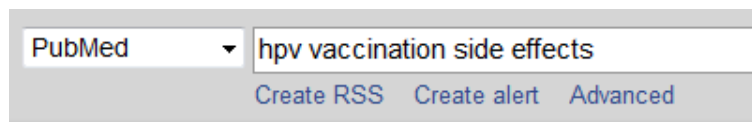
PubMed ▾ vaccination side effects
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Summary ▾ 20 per page ▾ Sort by Most Recent ▾

Search results

Items: 1 to 20 of 18239

3) If you receive results that are too broad or there are too many results to examine, you can enter more specific terms to narrow down your results. For example, instead of entering "vaccination side effects," you could enter "hpv vaccination side effects." By entering narrow terms into a search not only will you reduce the number of results you get, but you also increase the chances of receiving results that are more focused on your topic.



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Search results

Items: 1 to 20 of 470

Another way to narrow down results is by using **search filters** usually provided by databases and the Quick Search. These filters allow users to include results from their queries according to publication dates, text availability (full-text), subject or discipline, languages, format or content (eBook, Journal article) and many more. When specified filters are applied, only results that match the criteria of the filters will appear in the list.

- Article types
 - Clinical Trial
 - Review
 - Customize ...
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 - Abstract
 - Free full text
 - Full text
- PubMed Commons
 - Reader comments
 - Trending articles
- Publication dates
 - 5 years
 - 10 years
 - Custom range...
- Species
 - Humans
 - Other Animals
- Languages
 - English
 - Customize ...
- Subjects
 - AIDS
 - Cancer
 - Systematic Reviews
 - Customize ...

[Clear all](#)

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REFINE YOUR SEARCH

Any ▾

Full Text Online

Scholarly & Peer-Review

CONTENT TYPE

Any ▾

Book / eBook (906)

Journal / eJournal (15)

Book Chapter (1)

DISCIPLINE

Any ▾

medicine (608)

history & archaeology (472)

public health (267)

social welfare & social work (156)

pharmacy, therapeutics, & pharmacology (137)

[More...](#)

PUBLICATION DATE

from to

SUBJECT TERMS

LANGUAGE

(Quick Search Filters)

Limit To ▾

Full Text

References Available

Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals

1995 Publication Date 2016

[Show More](#)

Options set

Source Types ▾

All Results

Academic Journals (10,513)

Journals (7,693)

Magazines (1,363)

News (301)

Trade Publications (126)

[Show More](#)

Subject: Thesaurus Term >

Subject: Major Heading >

Subject >

Publisher >

Publication >

Company >

Language >

Age >

Gender >

Geography >

(EBSCOhost filters)

4) If you are not receiving the desired results with your current search terms or you need more information, you can try using other search terms that are related to previous searches. For example, you could use “hpv vaccination adverse effects” instead of “hpv vaccination side effects.” As you read through articles and books, make a note of **special terminology and keywords** that you can use to expand your searches. In most journal articles, authors will list related keywords in the abstract or article info.



Contents lists available at [ScienceDirect](#)

Vaccine

journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/vaccine



Adverse events following HPV vaccination, Alberta 2006–2014



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ABSTRACT

Background: In Canada, private purchase of human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccines has been possible since 2006. In Alberta, Canada, a publicly funded quadrivalent HPV vaccine program began in the 2008/2009 school year. There have been concerns about adverse events, including venous thromboembolism (VTE) associated with HPV vaccines. We describe the frequencies of adverse events following HPV vaccination among Alberta females aged 9 years or older and look at VTE following HPV vaccination.

Methods: We used the Alberta Immunization and Adverse Reaction to Immunization (Imm/ARI) repository (publicly funded vaccine), the population-based Pharmaceutical Information Network (PIN) information system (dispensing of a vaccine), and the Alberta Morbidity and Ambulatory Care Abstract reporting system (MACAR) for June 1, 2006–November 19, 2014. Deterministic data linkage used unique personal identifiers. We identified all reported adverse events following immunization (AEFI) and all emergency department (ED) utilization or hospitalizations within 42 days of immunization. We calculated the frequency of AEFI by type, rates per 100,000 doses of HPV vaccine administered and the frequencies of ICD-10-CA codes for hospitalizations and emergency department visits.

Results: Over the period 195,270 females received 528,913 doses of HPV vaccine. Of those receiving at least one dose, 192 reported one or more AEFI events (198 AEFI events), i.e., 37.4/100,000 doses administered (95% CI 32.5–43.0). None were consistent with VTE. Of the women who received HPV vaccine 958 were hospitalized and 19,351 had an ED visit within 42 days of immunization. Four women who had an ED visit and hospitalization event were diagnosed with VTE. Three of these had other diagnoses known to be associated with VTE; the fourth woman had VTE among ED diagnoses but not among those for the hospitalization.

Conclusions: Rates of AEFI after HPV immunization in Alberta are low and consistent with types of events seen elsewhere.

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