



## Understanding Searching Introductory Session (Half-Day)

### SAMPLE AGENDA

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- Session 1: What are databases and how are they structured
  - Record formats
  - Subject indexing: introduction to MeSH including explosion
- Exercise 1: Finding records, looking up MeSH terms
- Session 2: The basics of searching
  - Boolean operators
  - Restricting to title and abstract
  - Proximity operators
  - Truncation
- Exercise 2 : Using each of the options
- Session 3: Putting the strategy together: how to turn an idea/question into a strategy
- Exercise 3: Preparing a strategy