Clinical Information Resources Tutorial Handout

- Access the tutorial at: [http://uscmed.sc.edu/tutorials/icm1/icm1/index.html](http://uscmed.sc.edu/tutorials/icm1/icm1/index.html)
- Due date for completing the tutorial: January 31
- This tutorial will remain up to access throughout the semester.

Tips from the tutorial:

**DXplain**
- Diagnostic Decision Support Tool
- Available under Library’s Databases page

**Background and Foreground Questions**
- Consult the following sources to answer background questions:
  - E-Textbooks: Access Medicine, ClinicalKey, and R2 Library
  - Library Catalog: Print books in the library
  - Review articles: Using PubMed or Ovid MEDLINE and limiting to Review articles
- Consult the following sources to answer foreground questions:
  - PubMed and Ovid MEDLINE

**Micromedex**
- Authoritative, referenced drug information
- Available under Library’s Databases page

**MedlinePlus**
- Patient education/consumer health information from the National Library of Medicine
- Available under Library’s Databases page or freely available at: [www.medlineplus.gov](http://www.medlineplus.gov)

**PubMed**
- The Clinical Queries link is on the PubMed homepage under “PubMed Tools.” On the Clinical Queries page, you can access the Clinical Study Categories and Systematic Reviews filters.
- When you find an article you are interested in, use the Similar articles link (below the citation/abstract) to find related articles.
- View the MeSH terms assigned to an article to identify other possible search terms.
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- **Explode** will increase your search results by searching for your selected term and all of its more specific terms indented below. ( Increases results.)
- **Focus** will limit your search to those articles in which your subject heading is considered the main idea of the article. (Decreases results.)
- The **Complete Reference** view of a citation in Ovid includes the MeSH terms used to index the article, a good place to find other possible search terms to use.