Phrase Searching Commands

PubMed	EBSCO	Ovid
• Use of quotation marks ("used tires") will search the PubMed Phrase index. • If the term is not included in the phrase index, PubMed will revert to using Automatic Term Mapping to process the words in the quoted phrase • Allows searches for embedded stop words or Boolean operators (e.g. "hit or miss")	• Use of quotation marks ("used tires") will cause EBSCO to look for words in the exact order • Allows searches for embedded stop words or Boolean operators (e.g. "hit or miss")	• Use of quotation marks ("used tires") will cause Ovid to look for words in the exact order • Allows searches for embedded stop words or Boolean operators (e.g. "hit or miss") • FREQUENCY SEARCH COMMAND SYNTAX **x.ab./FREQ=n** (diabet*.tw./FREQ=5 finds any record with 5 or more instances of words beginning with diabet- in the textword field)

Adjacency Searching Commands

PubMed	EBSCO	Ovid
• No adjacency search function available	• N# for bidirectional adjacency • W# for unidirectional adjacency	• ADJ# for bidirectional adjacency • ADJ is a one word unidirectional adjacency command • No multiword unidirectional adjacency

Truncation Searching Commands

PubMed	EBSCO	Ovid
• Uses asterisk (*) for unlimited truncation. • Use of * turns off automatic term mapping for that term • Truncated terms must contain at least <u>four</u> characters • No character limited truncation searching	• Uses asterisk (*) for unlimited truncation. • The hash sign (#) matches one optional character. • The question mark (?) matches exactly one character. • No minimum character limit for * truncation • No character limited truncation searching	• Uses asterisk (*), dollar sign ($), or colon (:) for unlimited truncation. • The question mark (?) matches one optional character. • The hash sign (#) matches exactly one character. • No minimum character limit for */$/: truncation • Use of *# = the max number of characters allowed. (e.g. diet*3 will find diets, dieting, dietary, but not diethylene or diethylamino, etc.

MeSH Explosion Commands

PubMed	EBSCO	Ovid
Automatic explosion. Use [mh:noexp] to turn off explode feature	No automatic explosion. Use *exp MeSH Term* to enable explosion	No automatic explosion. Use *exp MeSH Term* to enable explosion