

Appendix 1: Screen shots of the PEDro simple and advanced search pages for two search commands.

Simple search

Search command

/search-results?calc_text=low+back+pain&-find=Search

Screen shot of search page



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Simple Search

Search term (or terms):

Advanced search

Search command

/advanced-search/results?abstract_with_title=carpal+tunnel+syndrome&therapy=VL01376&problem=VL01371&body_part=VL01393&subdiscipline=0&topic=0&method=clinical+trial&authors_association=&title=&source=&year_of_publication=&date_record_was_created=&nscore=&perpage=20&lop=and&find=&find=Start+Search

Screen shot of search page



PEDro, the Physiotherapy Evidence Database, is a free database of randomised trials, systematic reviews and clinical practice guidelines in physiotherapy. You can search the database for bibliographic details, and sometimes full text, of trials, reviews and guidelines using this Advanced Search page or the [Simple Search page](#). PEDro is produced by the Centre for Evidence-Based Physiotherapy at The George Institute for Global Health. For more information please visit the [PEDro home-page](#).

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Abstract & Title:	<input type="text" value="carpal tunnel syndrome"/>
Therapy:	<input type="text" value="acupuncture"/>
Problem:	<input type="text" value="pain"/>
Body Part:	<input type="text" value="hand or wrist"/>
Subdiscipline:	<input type="text"/>
Topic:	<input type="text"/>
Method:	<input type="text" value="clinical trial"/>
Author/Association:	<input type="text"/>
Title Only:	<input type="text"/>
Source:	<input type="text"/>
Published Since:	<input type="text"/> [YYYY]
New records added since:	<input type="text"/> [DDMMYYYY]
Score of at least:	<input type="text"/> [10]
Return:	<input type="text" value="20"/> records at a time
When Searching:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Match all search terms (AND) <input type="radio"/> Match any search term (OR)
<input type="button" value="Start Search"/>	

Appendix 2: Categories available in fields with drop-down menus in the PEDro advanced search

Subdiscipline

Cardiothoracics

Includes, but is not restricted to, papers evaluating acute and rehabilitation cardiothoracic interventions or fitness training on those with conditions affecting the cardiothoracic system. This subdiscipline does not include studies of general fitness training among patient populations. Studies of general fitness training for healthy populations are not indexed on PEDro.

Continence and women's health

Includes, but is not restricted to male and female incontinence and pre- and post-natal interventions for the mother.

Ergonomics and occupational health

Includes, but is not restricted to, interventions based at workplaces or on workers for work-related conditions.

Gerontology

Includes papers where the average age of the study sample is over 60, and papers on conditions which commonly affect older people (eg, arthritis).

Musculoskeletal

Includes, but is not restricted to, low back pain, rheumatoid disease, entrapment syndromes, neuralgia.

Neurology

Includes, but is not restricted to, lesions of the central and peripheral nervous systems excluding those whose primary presentation is pain or paraesthesia such as carpal tunnel syndrome, neuralgia or sciatica.

Oncology

Includes papers evaluating interventions for health problems due to tumours or cancers.

Orthopaedics

Includes only fractures and intervention before or after orthopaedic surgery (eg, knee replacements, ligament repairs).

Paediatrics

Includes papers where the average age of the study sample is under 16, and papers on conditions which commonly affect children (eg, cystic fibrosis).

Sports

Includes papers which specifically mention sports injuries as well as conditions which commonly affect sports people (eg, ligament repairs).

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Problem

Difficulty with sputum clearance

Frailty
Impaired ventilation
Incontinence
Motor incoordination
Muscle shortening, reduced joint compliance
Muscle weakness
Oedema
Pain
Reduced exercise tolerance
Reduced work tolerance
Skin lesion, wound, burn
[no appropriate value in this field]

Therapy

Acupuncture
Behaviour modification
Education
Electrotherapies, heat, cold
Fitness training
Health promotion
Hydrotherapy, balneotherapy
Neurodevelopmental therapy, neurofacilitation
Orthoses, taping, splinting
Respiratory therapy
Skill training
Strength training
Stretching, mobilisation, manipulation, massage
[no appropriate value in this field]

Body Part

Head or neck
Upper arm, shoulder or shoulder girdle
Forearm or elbow
Hand or wrist
Chest
Thoracic spine
Lumbar spine, sacro-iliac joint or pelvis

Perineum or genito-urinary system

Thigh or hip

Lower leg or knee

Foot or ankle

[no appropriate value in this field]

Topic

Chronic pain

Includes papers evaluating management of chronic pain including chronic pain of musculoskeletal or neurological origin.

Chronic respiratory disease

Includes papers evaluating management of chronic respiratory disease including interstitial lung disease, bronchiectasis and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Neurotrauma

Includes papers evaluating management of spinal cord injury or traumatic brain injury.

Whiplash

Includes papers evaluating management of whiplash associated disorders.

[no appropriate value in this field]

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