**MEDICAL EDUCATION LITERATURE SEARCHING**

**Going beyond PubMed**

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| Web of Science         | - Run a title search or use the Cited Reference Search feature to see who's cited an interesting article that you probably found in PubMed  
                          - You can also use their Search interface to find other literature that is not in PubMed because it contains citations from not only PubMed but also arts, social sciences, and humanities databases  
                          - This database does NOT have keywords or descriptors assigned to any citations |
| ERIC                   | - Searches education literature; will include some citations that were in PubMed, but offers a whole lot more than just articles: journals, books, reports, dissertations, etc  
                          - In your initial search in the Advanced Search mode, use the MeSH terms that you found helpful in PubMed if you think it would help develop a good first search  
                          - View the descriptors assigned to each abstract to refine your search |
| PsycINFO               | Search the same way as you would search ERIC; also includes some citations that are in PubMed |
| JSTOR                  | Popular humanities and science database used in academia                                       |
| Academic Search Complete| A multidisciplinary database providing full text access to scholarly and general interest journals, magazines, books, and reports |
| Business Source Complete | Searches the business literature                                                                |

Below are some screen shots of how to search ERIC as a quick reminder. The same applies to searching the PsycINFO database.
ERIC: the primary database for education literature

- Use this database to find articles that may not be in PubMed
- Includes items from journal articles, conferences, books, dissertations, book reviews, essays
  (PubMed only includes journal articles)

1) Link to this database via the **Databases** link on the Library homepage

2) Use the **Advanced Search** tab – type in search terms
   (Select options of where to search for terms – ie: abstract, title, anywhere)

3) Select AND, OR, or NOT to combine search terms

4) Select **Add Row** to add more lines for searching additional concepts if needed

5) Select tabs to display only those results;

6) Browse the **Descriptors** listed on the right – these are like MeSH terms

7) Jot down relevant descriptors and use these to refine your search
   (use the **Edit Search** link at the top to refine your search)