

Objectives

The learner will be able to

1. Demonstrate the value of using subject headings
2. Identify and evaluate the scope, related, used for, and other information in the CINAHL headings thesaurus to determine if the subject heading is appropriate to locate the information desired.
3. Determine if the subject heading has subheadings that are appropriate to focus the search on the desired aspects.
4. Demonstrate that they can pull up the complete citation for a record

Scenario

– Help! I have a paper due for class. I am looking for articles about the future of HMOs. I don't have the time to sit in the library going through journals.

Search Process

STEP 1: Take your information need and create a search statement about it.

I need articles about the future of HMOs.

STEP 2: Identify the important concepts in your search

HMOs and their future

STEP 3: Determine if there are appropriate subject headings for this search.



From the "Advanced Search" screen select "CINAHL Headings". In the "Browse For" box type "hmos".

Two choices appear – “Advanced Practice Nurses” and “Health Maintenance Organizations”. Both point to the Subject Heading, Health Maintenance Organizations

EBSCO Research Databases

Basic Search Advanced Search Choose Databases

Sign In to My EBSCOhost Keyword Publications CINAHL Headings Indexes

Database: CINAHL

Find: [] Search Clear

CINAHL Headings

Page: [] Browse for hmos Browse

Select heading, then add to search using: or [v] Add

(Click term to display details.)

Advanced Practice Nurses

Health Maintenance Organizations

HMO Use: [Health Maintenance Organizations](#)

Click on “Health Maintenance Organizations” to view the complete record for this subject heading to get more information.

By reading the “Scope information” and “Used For” sections, it is obvious that this is the main concept that we are searching for. At this point we need to focus on the future aspect of Health Maintenance Organizations.

Review the “Qualify Subheadings” to determine if any of these will focus the search results on future aspects. There is a subheading entitled “Trends”.

Health Maintenance Organizations

Select heading, then add to search using: or [v] Add

Tree Views

- Health Services Administration +
- Management +
- Professional Practice +
- Group Practice +
- Health Maintenance Organizations
- Independent Practice Associations
- Joint Practice

On Search:

Major Concept

Qualify Subheadings: Clear Selections

- Administration
- Classification
- Economics
- Education
- Ethical Issues
- Evaluation
- History
- Legislation And Jurisprudence
- Manpower
- Methods
- Standards
- Trends
- Utilization

Scope:

Organized systems for providing comprehensive prepaid health care that have five basic attributes: 1) provide care in a defined geographic area; 2) provide or ensure delivery of an agreed-upon set of basic and supplemental health maintenance and treatment services; 3) provide care to a voluntarily enrolled group of persons; 4) require their enrollees to use the services of designated providers; and 5) receive reimbursement through a predetermined, fixed, periodic payment made by the enrollee without regard to the degree of services provided.

Used For:

Group Health Organizations, Prepaid, HMO, Prepaid Group

Standards

Trends

Clicking on the word “Trends” brings up “Scope” information about that subheading.

Subheading:	Trends
Scope Note:	Used for the manner in which a subject changes with time, whether past, present, or future.
[Close Window]	

Click the box before the word "Trends". Then click on the button labeled "Add".

"Trends" seems to include the future aspect that we want to incorporate.

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Notice that your search statement is now in the Find box.

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Database Help

Find: (MH "Health Maintenance Organizations/TD") Search Clear Folder is empty.

CINAHL Headings

Browse for hmos Browse

Term Begins With

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Search Tips

Health Maintenance Organizations

Select heading, then add to search using: or [v] Add

Click on the "Search" button to execute the search.

This search retrieved 69 citations. A scan of the titles shows that most of the citations are related to the topic that we are interested in.

The screenshot shows a search results interface with tabs for 'Refine Search', 'Search History / Alerts', and 'Results'. At the top right, it says 'To store items added to the folder for a future session,'. Below the tabs, it displays '1 to 20 (of 69)' and 'Pages: 1 2 3 4'. A 'Sort by: Date' dropdown menu is visible. Two citations are listed:

1. [Mass exodus: Oregon's Regence to drop traditional HMO](#). By: Benko LB. MOD HEALTHC, 2003 Oct 6; 33(40): 16 (journal article - tables/charts)
[Linked Full Text](#)
2. [National health line. The unraveling of managed care: recent trends and](#)
HEALTH SOC WORK, 2003 Aug; 28(3): 241-6 (journal article)
[Linked Full Text](#)

A red box highlights the title of the first citation, and a red arrow points from a text box to it.

To view the complete citation, click on the title of the citation and the complete record will appear

The screenshot shows a detailed citation record. At the top, it says '1 of 69' and provides navigation links: 'Result List', 'Refine Search', 'Print', 'E-mail', 'Save', 'Add to folder', and 'Folder is empty'. Below this, it shows 'Formats: Citation', 'Linked Full Text'. The main record details are:

- Title:** Mass exodus: Oregon's Regence to drop traditional HMO
- Author(s):** [Benko LB](#)
- Source:** [Modern Healthcare](#) (MOD HEALTHC), 2003 Oct 6; 33(40): 16
- Publication Type:** journal article - tables/charts
- Language:** English
- Major Subjects:** [Health Maintenance Organizations--Economics--United States](#); [Health Maintenance Organizations--Trends--United States](#); [Insurance, Health](#)
- Minor Subjects:** [Consumer Attitudes](#); [Health Care Industry--Trends](#); [Oregon](#); [United States](#)
- Journal Subset:** Health Services Administration; USA