



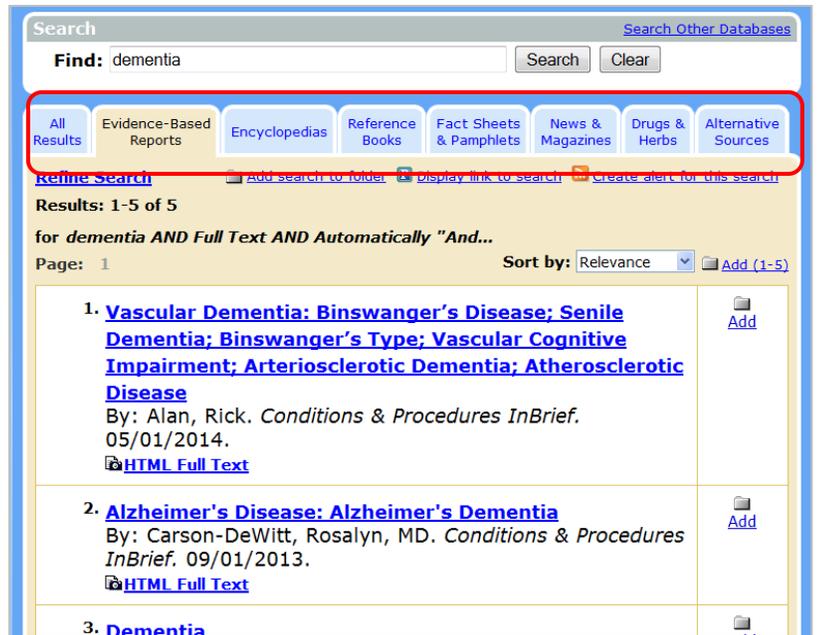
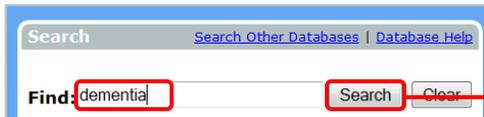
# Consumer Health Complete

**Description:** Consumer Health Complete (CHC) is an online database that provides convenient access to easily understandable health and medical information. It provides content covering all areas of health and wellness from mainstream medicine to the many perspectives of complementary, holistic, and integrated medicine.

**Audience:** Health care consumers without a medical background who want to inform themselves about their own or a family member’s diagnosis or prescription. Individuals who want to proactively research ways to maintain or improve their health.

**Content:** More than 565 full text journals and magazines; 230+ full text health reference books and encyclopedias; evidence based-health reports; consumer health pamphlets; images; videos; and more.

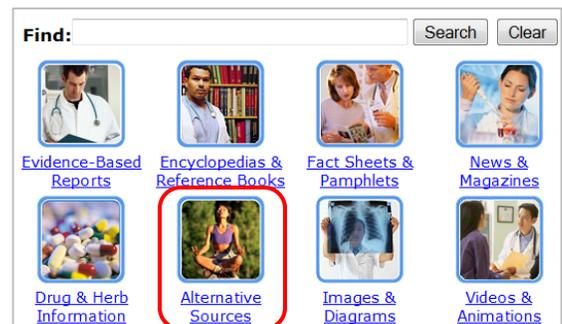
**Basic Search:** The CHC home page allows users to perform a basic keyword search across all source types included in the database. To perform a basic search, type a search term, like *dementia*, in the “Find” box and click “Search.”



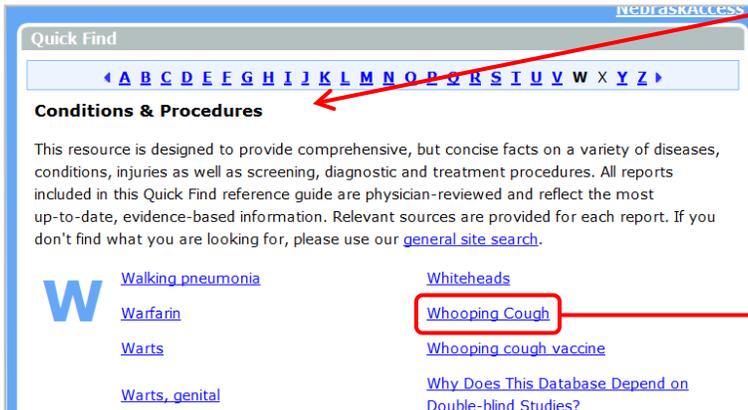
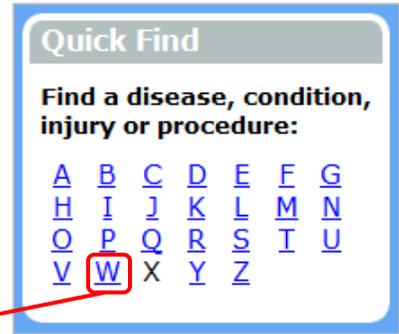
**Tabbed Results:** A basic search will retrieve a tabbed result list in which results are organized by source type (e.g. Evidence-Based Reports, Encyclopedias, Reference Books, etc.). To view results for a specific source type, click the appropriate tab. To view all results, regardless of source type, click the “All Results” tab.

The default source-type tab displayed in response to a basic search is “Evidence-Based Reports.” If no evidence-based reports are retrieved in response to the search, the “All Results” tab is displayed.

**Search by Source Type:** To limit your search to a single source type prior to performing the search, click on the appropriate source-type link/image (e.g. Alternative Sources) that appears beneath the “Find” field on the CHC home page. This will take you to a simple search page that will allow you to search for and retrieve results from just the specified source type.

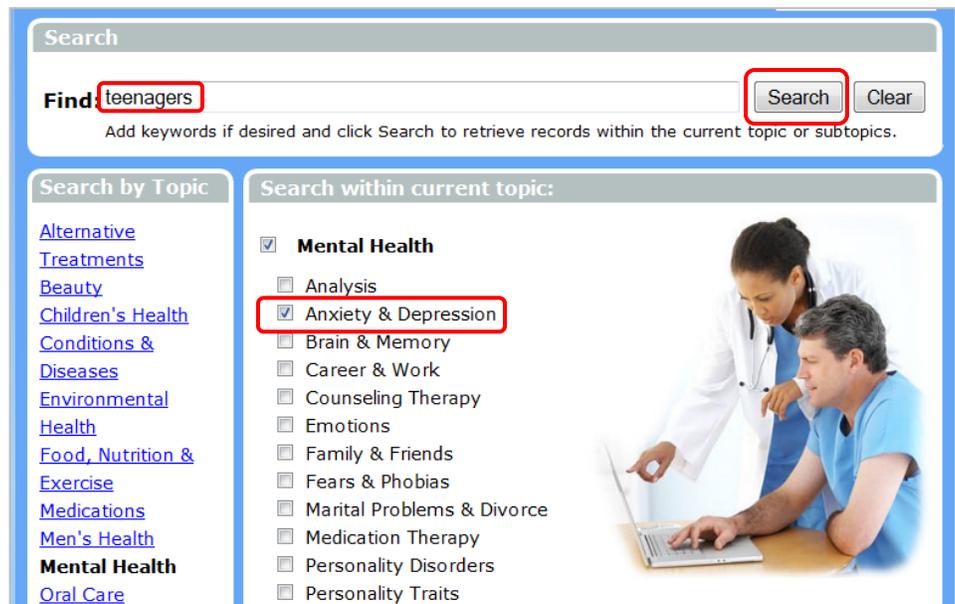


**Quick Find:** Use the Quick Find feature on the top right side of the CHC home page to access health reports containing comprehensive but concise facts on common conditions and procedures. Click on a letter of the alphabet to access a list of conditions and procedures that begin with that letter. For example, if you are looking for information on whooping cough, click on “W.” This will display a list of conditions and procedures starting with the letter “W.”



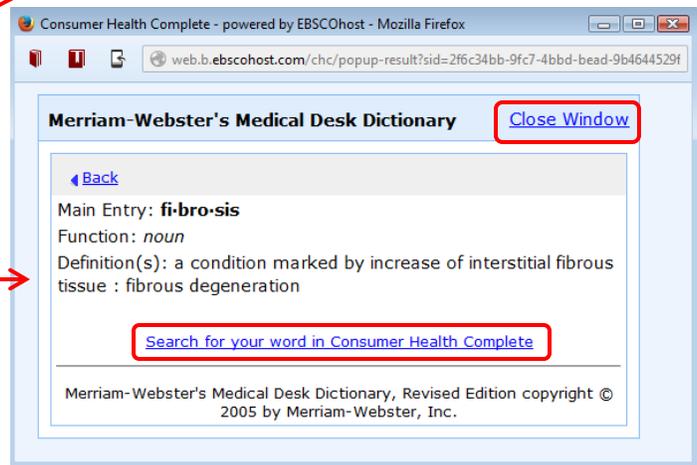
Click on the “Whooping Cough” link on the Conditions & Procedures “W” page to retrieve a *Conditions & Procedures InBrief* report on whooping cough. Once you’ve retrieved the report on whooping cough, you can access related information on the same topic by clicking on the source-type links in the Related Information box that appears at the top right of the report. Clicking on a source-type link will take you to a tabbed result list, similar to what you retrieved in response to a basic search.

**Search by Topic:** To search for information by topic, click on a broad topic, such as “Mental Health,” in the “Search by Topic” box on the lower-right side of the CHC home page. This will take you to a supplemental search page for that topic, with a “Find” field at the top of the page and a list of subtopics below.

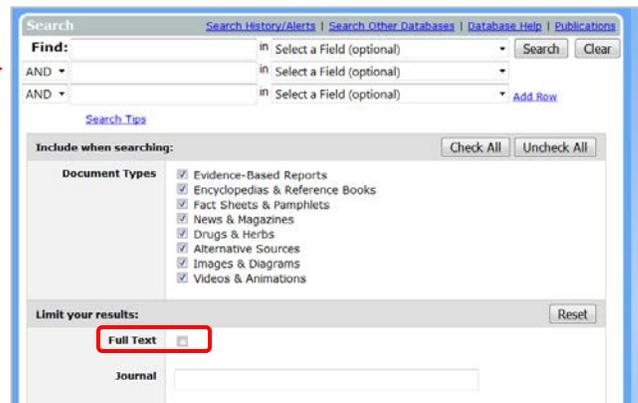


If you immediately click on the “Search” button you will retrieve results matching the main topic (e.g. mental health). In most cases these results will be too broad. A better strategy is to check a subtopic (e.g. “Anxiety & Depression”) from the “Search within current topic” section of the page. Clicking “Search” at this point will retrieve results that are focused on anxiety and depression within the broader mental health topic area. If you’d like to be even more specific, try entering a search term (e.g. teenagers) in the “Find” field at the top of the screen before clicking “Search.”

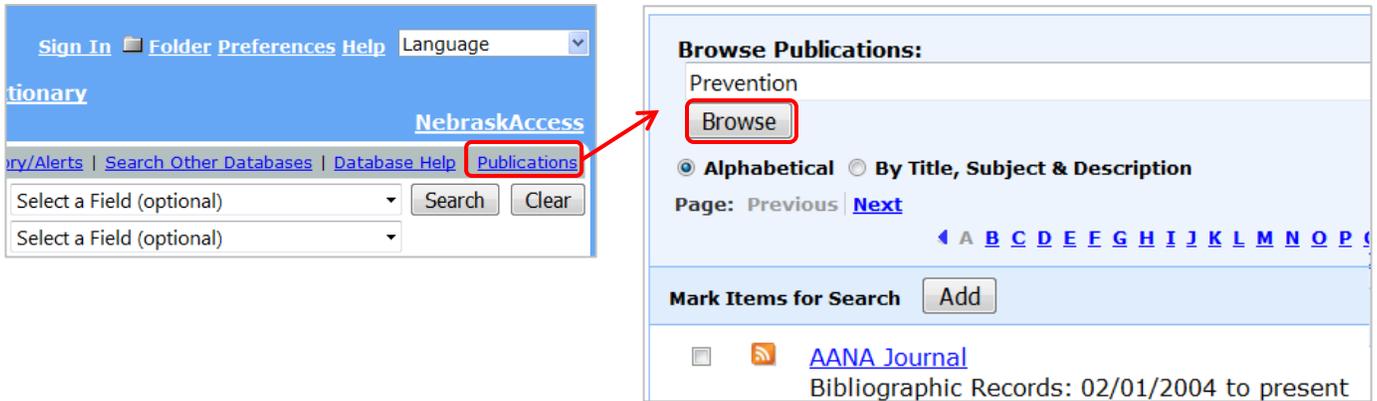
**Medical Dictionary:** To look up a brief definition of a medical or health-related term, click on the “Medical Dictionary” link at the top of the CHC home page. This will open a new window that will allow you to search or browse the *Merriam-Webster’s Medical Desk Dictionary*. After retrieving your definition you can close the dictionary window or click on a link to “Search for your word in Consumer Health Complete.”



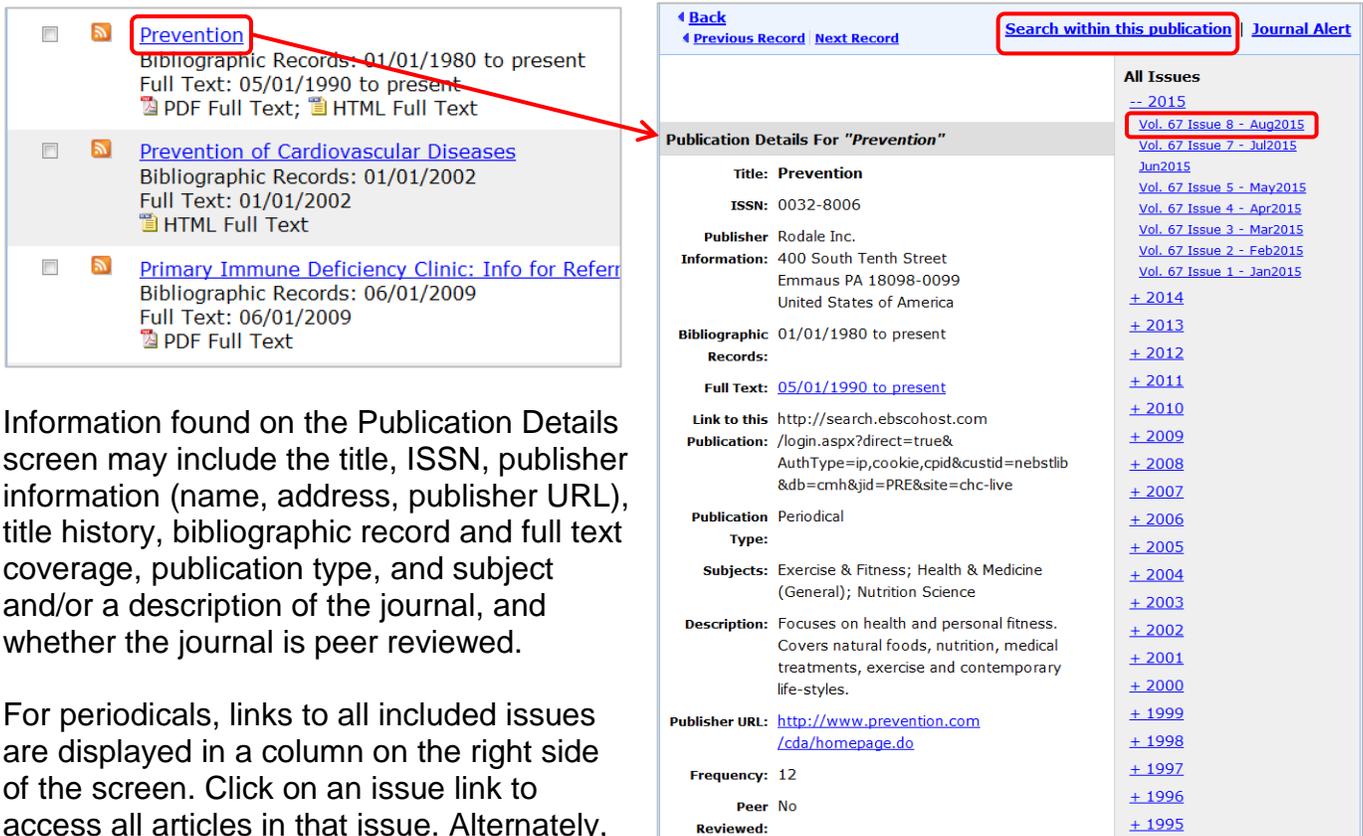
**Advanced Search:** To access the Advanced Search screen, click on the “Advanced Search” link at the top of the CHC home page. As is the case in other EBSCO databases, the CHC Advanced Search screen supports searching for different information in different fields at the same time. One other major difference between a basic search and an advanced search in CHC is that basic search results are automatically limited to full text, whereas advanced searches will also retrieve results that include just indexing and abstracts. There is, however, a full text limit option you can apply on the advanced search screen, along with other search limit and expand options.



**Publications:** To view a list of publications included in the CHC database, click on the “Publications” link on the Advanced Search screen. This retrieves the Publication Authority File, with the beginning of the list displayed. Type your search term(s) in the “Browse Publications” field (you can enter all or part of a publication name), specify whether you want to browse alphabetically or by title, subject & description, and then click “Browse.”



This will retrieve a result list comprised of brief publication records. Each record in the result list will consist of a publication title, a publication or coverage date, and an indication about full text availability and format. To access additional publication details, click on the hyperlinked publication name.



Information found on the Publication Details screen may include the title, ISSN, publisher information (name, address, publisher URL), title history, bibliographic record and full text coverage, publication type, and subject and/or a description of the journal, and whether the journal is peer reviewed.

For periodicals, links to all included issues are displayed in a column on the right side of the screen. Click on an issue link to access all articles in that issue. Alternately, click the “Search within this publication” link to conduct a search across all included issues.