MacSPIRS 4.0 Quick Reference Card
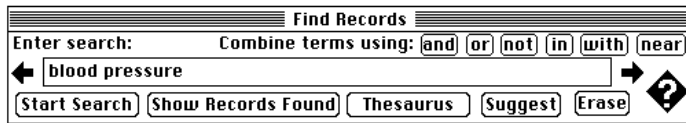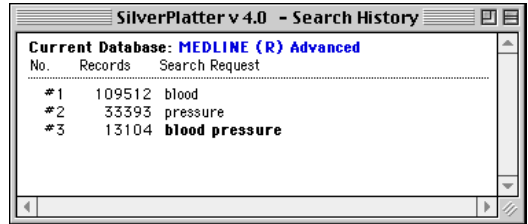
Finding and Showing Records

The following example illustrates the basic flow of the MacSPIRS search process, and shows you how to find and show records using key program features. The methods and features you use for more complex searches may vary depending on the database you are searching and your MacSPIRS configuration.

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Type a search term or phrase in the Find Records dialog box and click **Start Search**.
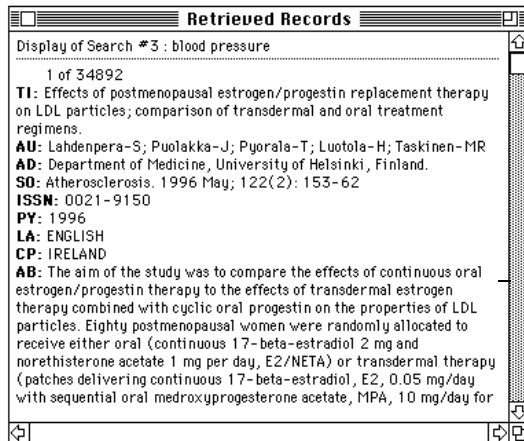
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MacSPIRS displays your search request, and any previous requests, in the Search History

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Current Database: MEDLINE (R) Advanced

No.	Records	Search Request
#1	109512	blood
#2	33393	pressure
#3	13104	**blood pressure**

Find Records

Enter search: Combine terms using: [and] [or] [not] [in] [with] [near]

← blood pressure →

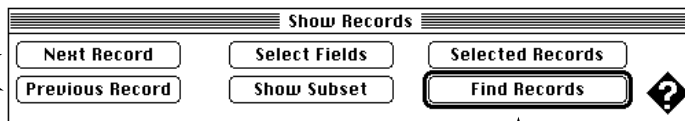[Start Search] [Show Records Found] [Thesaurus] [Suggest] [Erase] ◆?

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MacSPIRS displays your search results in the Retrieved Records window.

Click on any record number to select records for showing, printing, or saving.

Retrieved Records

Display of Search #3 : blood pressure

1 of 34892
TI: Effects of postmenopausal estrogen/progestin replacement therapy on LDL particles; comparison of transdermal and oral treatment regimens.
AU: Lahdenpera-S; Puolakka-J; Pyorala-T; Luotola-H; Taskinen-MR
AD: Department of Medicine, University of Helsinki, Finland.
SO: Atherosclerosis. 1996 May; 122(2): 153-62
ISSN: 0021-9150
PY: 1996
LA: ENGLISH
CP: IRELAND
AB: The aim of the study was to compare the effects of continuous oral estrogen/progestin therapy to the effects of transdermal estrogen therapy combined with cyclic oral progestin on the properties of LDL particles. Eighty postmenopausal women were randomly allocated to receive either oral (continuous 17-beta-estradiol 2 mg and norethisterone acetate 1 mg per day, E2/NETA) or transdermal therapy (patches delivering continuous 17-beta-estradiol, E2, 0.05 mg/day with sequential oral medroxyprogesterone acetate, MPA, 10 mg/day for

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Click **Next Record** and **Previous Record**, or use the scroll bar in the Retrieved Records window, to view the retrieved records.

Show Records

[Next Record]   [Select Fields]   [Selected Records]
[Previous Record]   [Show Subset]   [Find Records] ◆?

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Click **Find Records** to look up another term.

Using the Index

The Index lists all of the searchable terms in a database, and indicates the number of records that contain each term. In addition to the Free Text Index, some databases have separate Indices for certain fields such as Title or Author. As shown in the following example, the Index is especially useful for looking up hyphenated phrases.
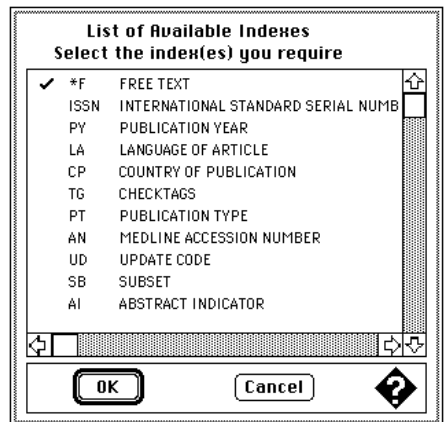
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Select **Browse Index** from the Search menu. ➤

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┌─────────────────────────────────┐
│ Search                          │
├─────────────────────────────────┤
│ Find Records ...          ⌘F    │
│ Browse  Index ...         ⌘I    │
│ Select Index ...                │
│ Clear Searches ...              │
│                                 │
│ Hide Intermediate Results       │
│                                 │
│ Lateral Search            ⌘=    │
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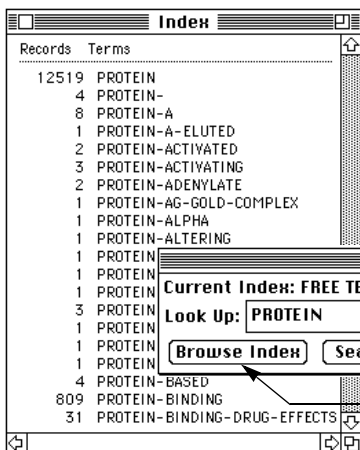
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If the database you are searching has more than one Index, MacSPIRS displays the List of Available Indices window. Click on the short name of each index you want to select and click **OK**.

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┌─────────────────────────────────────────────┐
│     List of Available Indexes                │
│   Select the index(es) you require           │
├─────────────────────────────────────────────┤
│ ✓  *F    FREE TEXT                           │
│    ISSN  INTERNATIONAL STANDARD SERIAL NUMB   │
│    PY    PUBLICATION YEAR                     │
│    LA    LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE                  │
│    CP    COUNTRY OF PUBLICATION               │
│    TG    CHECKTAGS                            │
│    PT    PUBLICATION TYPE                     │
│    AN    MEDLINE ACCESSION NUMBER             │
│    UD    UPDATE CODE                          │
│    SB    SUBSET                               │
│    AI    ABSTRACT INDICATOR                   │
│                                              │
│     ┌──────┐      ┌────────┐                 │
│     │  OK  │      │ Cancel │        ❓        │
│     └──────┘      └────────┘                 │
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MacSPIRS displays the Index window and the Browse Index dialog box.

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┌──────────── Index ─────────────┐
│ Records  Terms                 │
│  12519  PROTEIN                │
│      4  PROTEIN-               │
│      8  PROTEIN-A              │
│      1  PROTEIN-A-ELUTED       │
│      2  PROTEIN-ACTIVATED      │
│      3  PROTEIN-ACTIVATING     │
│      2  PROTEIN-ADENYLATE      │
│      1  PROTEIN-AG-GOLD-COMPLEX│
│      1  PROTEIN-ALPHA          │
│      1  PROTEIN-ALTERING       │
│      1  PROTEIN...             │
│      1  PROTEIN                │
│      1  PROTEIN                │
│      3  PROTEIN                │
│      1  PROTEIN                │
│      1  PROTEIN                │
│      1  PROTEIN                │
│      4  PROTEIN-BASED          │
│    809  PROTEIN-BINDING        │
│     31  PROTEIN-BINDING-DRUG-EFFECTS│
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┌───────────────── Browse Index ─────────────────┐
│ Current Index: FREE TEXT        [Change Index]  │
│ Look Up: PROTEIN                                │
│ [Browse Index]  [Search]    [Thesaurus] [Erase] ❓ │
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Type a term or phrase at the Look Up: prompt and click **Browse Index**.