MIDIRS Midwifery & Infant Care

COVERAGE
Midwifery and Infant Care Database is produced by MIDIRS (Midwives Information and Resource Service). It is often referred to just as MIDIRS. This is a bibliographical database containing over 120,000 references relating to the midwifery profession, including pregnancy, labour, birth, postnatal care and neonatal care. MIDIRS is international in scope with over 550 journals, as well as books, reports, web journals, press releases, newspaper articles and other grey literature being indexed.

STARTING
1. Open up a web browser such as Internet Explorer and type in the address: http://arc.uk.ovid.com.
   Alternatively go into the UWS library catalogue, Voyager and do a Keyword search on MIDIRS and follow the link from the catalogue record.
2. Login with your personal ATHENS username and password.
3. You have now reached the ERL WebSPIRS Select databases page. To select MIDIRS just click in the tick box beside Midwifery & Infant Care Database.
4. Click on the Start Searching button at top of screen.

SEARCHING

BASIC SEARCHING
1. Identify the main subject terms or key words that describe your topic. For example if you were interested in research role of health promotion in midwifery, some search terms might be: health promotion midwifery
2. Enter one or more terms in the Search box. If you type in several terms e.g. health promotion midwifery, it will only find items where those terms are in that exact order, next to each other. If you want to find records which include all your terms, but not necessarily next to each other, put and in between them e.g. health promotion and midwifery.
3. By default MIDIRS searches for your terms in any part of each record (Words anywhere) but you can also apply various search limits to make your search more specific.
4. Click on Search.

EFFECTIVE SEARCH TECHNIQUES.

Combining terms
Terms can be combined using the Boolean operators and, or, not:
- behaviour and therapy finds records containing both words
- behaviour or therapy finds records containing either word
- behaviour not therapy finds records containing behaviour but not therapy

There are also three other operators to specify how close the terms must be:
- behaviour in ti finds behaviour in the Title (ti) field only
- behaviour with therapy finds both terms in the same field (e.g. title or descriptor)
- behaviour near therapy finds both terms in the same sentence

- Use * to stand for any number of letters e.g. cognit* will find cognition and cognitive.
- Use ? to stand for any single letter or none e.g. behavio?r picks up behavior or behaviour
VIEWING THE RESULTS.

- The results will be listed in the bottom half of a split screen. To enlarge the bottom half of the screen and hide the search box, click on the “up arrow” button to enlarge the viewing area for the results list. The “down arrow” will reveal the search box once again.
- The list of results will display in Summary, giving basic bibliographic details (author, title, journal title). In order to see more details including the abstract click on Complete Record. If you want to either alter the order in which items are displayed or just display items available at UWS click on Change Display.
- Next to each reference you will see the Article Linker icon. This is a facility which UWS uses to create links from a database such as MIDIRS to other full text electronic resources to which UWS subscribes, such as Science Direct, SwetsWise or Kluwer. Article Linker bridges the gap between a reference and the full text article. University of Wales Swansea’s entitlement to view the full text of an article from a journal which is available online is dependent on factors such as whether we have a subscription to either the journal itself, or to a full-text database which can supply the journal.

MARKING AND OUT-PUTTING RECORDS

Mark items that are of interest by ticking the boxes to the left of the reference. You can print, save or email your marked records by clicking on the relevant icon.

OTHER SEARCH OPTIONS

Advanced
This option allows the user to search up to three different fields in a structured way using the Boolean operators: and, or, not.

Index
There are about 20 different indexes. An index will show you the exact format for a term and the number of times the term has been indexed in the MIDIRS database. For example if you select the Descriptor Index and then type in Postpartum you will see all the terms relating to this term, along with its subheadings.

Search History
- This tab gives you the opportunity to rerun any of the other searches you have performed during the current session. Each search will have been given a running number e.g. #1, #2, #3. You can also combine separate searches to get a more specific set of results e.g. #1 and #4.
- Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI) – SDI is a useful method of keeping yourself up-to-date if you are engaged in research. If you have just performed a search on your research topic which you know you will want to repeat again at regular intervals in case new publications have emerged, just click on the SDI icon in Search History. You will need to complete a brief online form giving the search a “name” and entering your email address. You will then be emailed every time a new item appears on MIDIRS which matches your search criteria.

LOGOUT
Click on Logout. [NB The MIDIRS service will “time out” after 5-10 minutes if the user has been inactive].