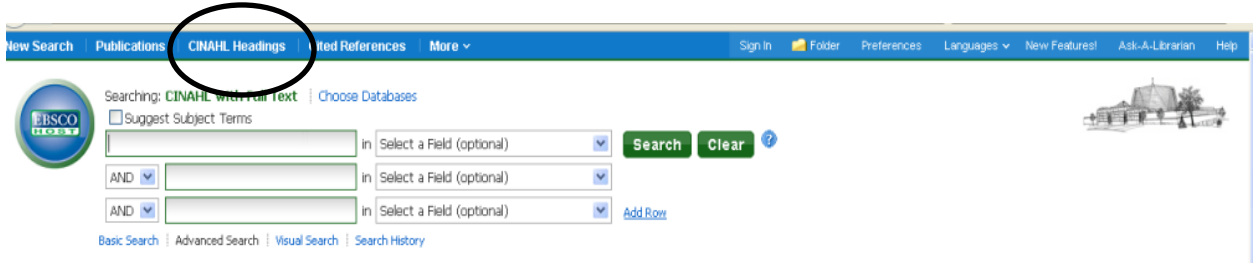
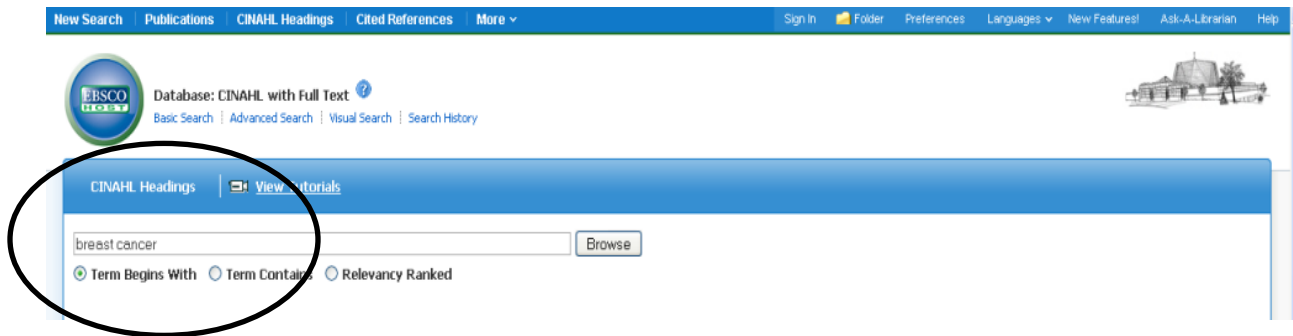


How do I use subject headings in CINAHL?

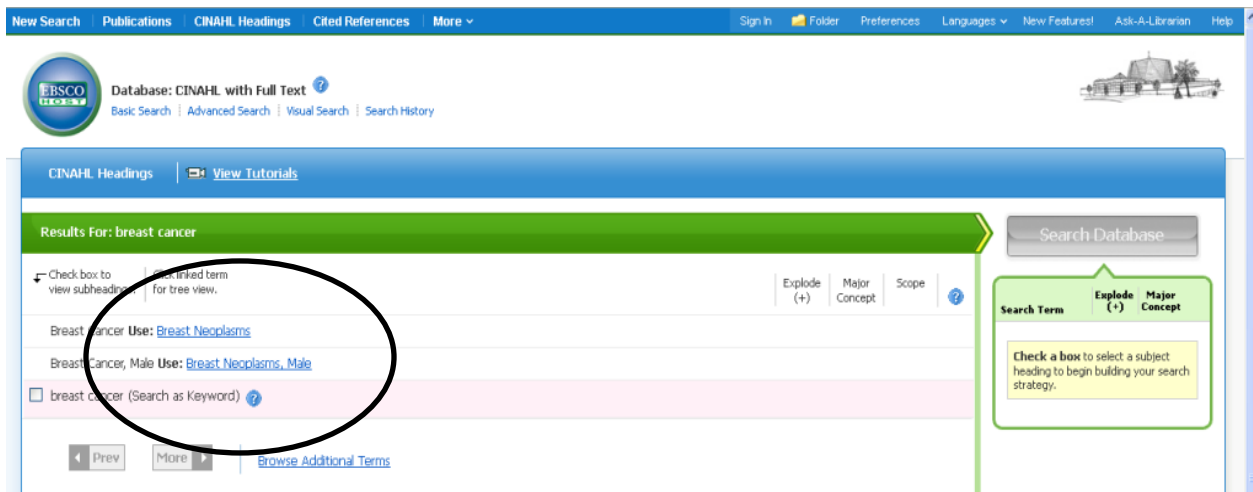
Step One: Select CINAHL with Full Text from EBSCO. Select “CINAHL Headings” from the masthead (blue stripe at top of screen).



Step Two: At the next screen, insert subject of interest into search form. Consider reset of radial button to “term begins with” or “term contains.”

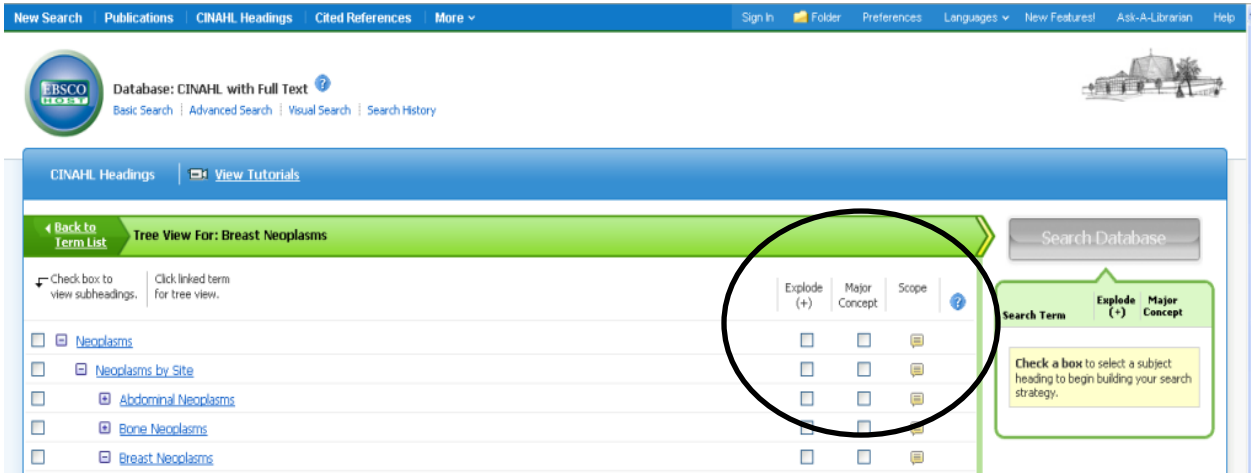


Step Three: Resulting page now produces corresponding subject headings (CINAHL headings). Heading appears as link prefaced by “Use.” Select correct heading.

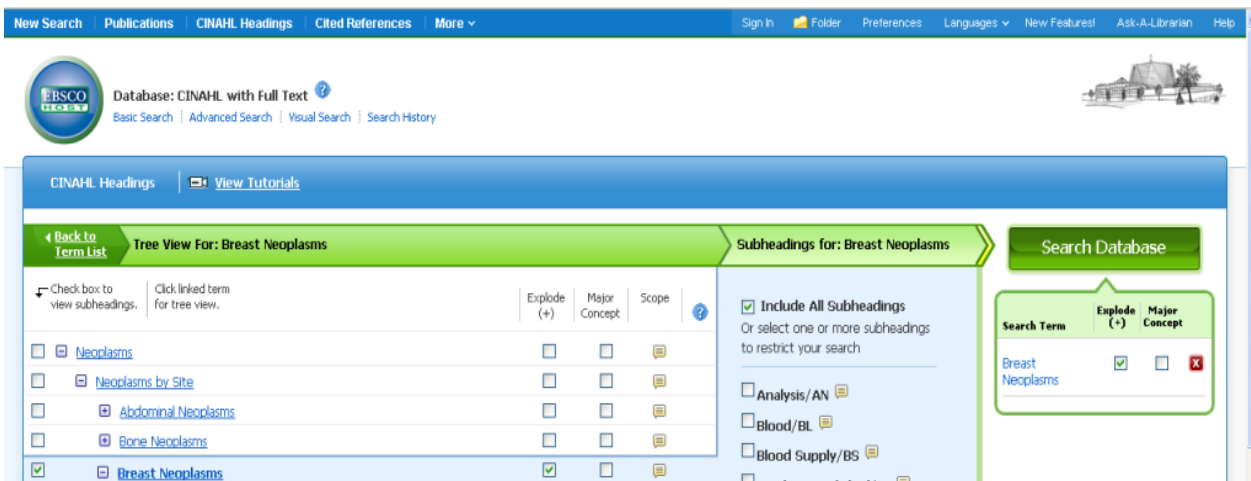


Step Four: Succeeding screen now produces a subject heading tree. The term selected from the previous screen appears in a roster of terms that may be more or less specific. Any topic may be chosen to increase or decrease specificity in the search. Any topic with a “+” sign to its left opens to reveal more refined choices.

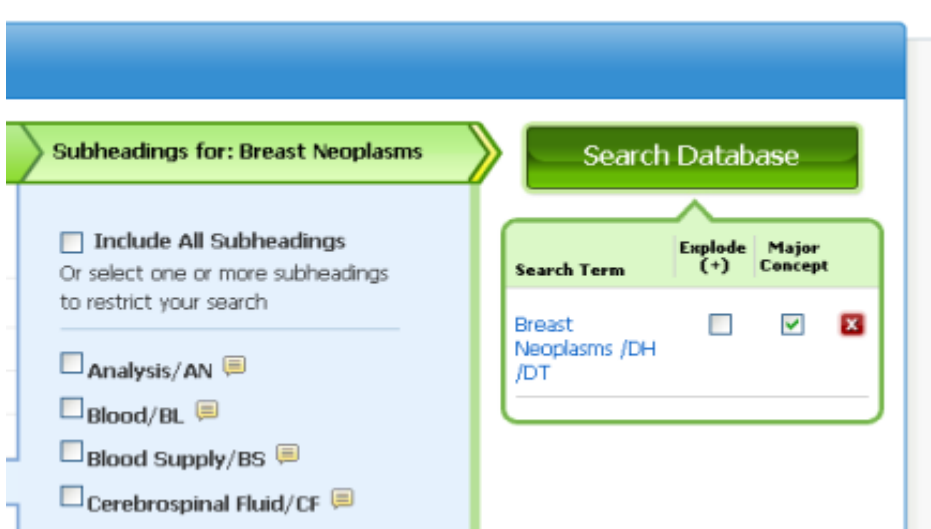
The “Explode” option takes the associated topic and ALL of its subtopics as subjects for a literature search. The “Major Concept” option takes ONLY the topic as the core subject for a literature search. The “Scope” option (seen in the bubble icon) gives further details about the topic. Select either the “Explode” or “Major Concept” option for the topic.



Step Five: Selecting either box now opens a roster of associated subheadings from the concept. Opt to include all or any specific subheading.



Step Six: Once choices are selected from the subheadings roster, the search term box (far right column) reconfigures. Before leaving screen, select either “Explode” or “Major Concept” and then “Search Database.”



Step Seven: The resulting literature will reflect your subject heading choices. Select any PDF icon to view an article in full-text format.

