

## Searching MEDLINE (via Ovid) Featuring Dot (.) Commands

Ovid Technologies employs a unique method of searching, often referred to as "dot" (.) searching. Dot searching allows for greater precision when searching various fields within the MEDLINE database. The table below lists all of the searchable fields with corresponding .commands.

Abstract	<b>.ab</b>	Keyword Heading Word	<b>.kf</b>
Author Last Name	<b>.ax</b>	Language	<b>.lg</b>
Author	<b>.au</b>	MeSH Subject Heading	<b>.sh</b>
Author's Full Name	<b>.fa</b>	Molecular Sequence	<b>.ms</b>
CAS Registry/EC Number	<b>.rn</b>	NLM Journal Code	<b>.jc</b>
Comments	<b>.cm</b>	NLM Journal Name	<b>.nj</b>
Country of Publication	<b>.cp</b>	NLM Journal Word	<b>.nw</b>
Date of Publication	<b>.dp</b>	Name of Substance	<b>.rw</b>
Electronic Date of Publication	<b>.ep</b>	Original Title	<b>.ot</b>
Entry Date	<b>.ed</b>	Page	<b>.pg</b>
Exploded Sub-Heading	<b>.xs</b>	Personal Name as Subject	<b>.pn</b>
Floating Sub-Heading	<b>.fs</b>	Primary Author	<b>.pa</b>
Gene Symbol	<b>.gs</b>	Publication Type	<b>.pt</b>
Gene Symbol Word	<b>.gw</b>	Record Owner	<b>.ro</b>
Grant Number	<b>.no</b>	Revision Date	<b>.rd</b>
ISSN	<b>.is</b>	Secondary Source ID	<b>.ms</b>
Institution	<b>.in</b>	Space Flight Mission	<b>.sm</b>
Investigator	<b>.ir</b>	Subject Heading Word	<b>.hw</b>
Issue/Part	<b>.ip</b>	Text Word	<b>.tw</b>
Journal Name	<b>.jn</b>	Title	<b>.ti</b>
Journal Subset	<b>.sb</b>	Unique Identifier	<b>.ui</b>
Journal Word	<b>.jw</b>	Update Date	<b>.up</b>
Keyword Heading	<b>.kw</b>	Volume	<b>.vo</b>
		Year of Publication	<b>.yr</b>

### Examples:

To retrieve words in the title:

**milk.ti** Prediction of **milk**/plasma concentration ratio of drugs

To retrieve all Kelly's when the middle initial is not known:

**kelly p\$.au** kelly p.au.  
 kelly pa.au.  
 kelly payne j.au.  
 kelly pb.au.  
 kelly pb jr.au.  
 and more

To retrieve significant words in the abstract:

**Klippel-Trenaunay.ab** **Abstract:** Most neurological complications of the **Klippel-Trenaunay** syndrome are due to the presence of cerebral or spinal arteriovenous malformations and their consequences.

To retrieve words in the Institutional name:

**NYU\$.in** **NYU** Cancer Institute  
**NYU** Medical Center  
**NYU** School of Medicine  
 And more

Note: you will also need to search New York University\$.in or some combination thereof.