

Additional Features

- The database contains abstracts to articles from 1995 onwards
- It is possible to search for full text resources by clicking in Linked Full Text box on search page, however this will dramatically reduce the number of records found
- Further help to using the database can be found by clicking on Database Help

Further Help

- Please ask at the library enquiry desk if you need help with any electronic database
- Book an appointment with an information advisor if you are struggling with finding information for assignments



AMED

Alternative MEDicine database



What is AMED?

AMED is a web based database containing references to articles about alternative medicine including: physiotherapy, occupational therapy, rehabilitation, palliative care and complementary medicine. **AMED** provides references and some abstracts of material; it does not provide the full text of articles.

Getting started

You can access **AMED** from any computer with an internet connection. If you wish to access the database off campus you will need your **ATHENS** username and password (this is different from your computer network id and password) Check your student email as you may have already been assigned an **ATHENS ID** at the start of your course. Otherwise, bring your Library card to the Enquiry Desk in the Library.

- Go to the library website:
www.ucsm.ac.uk/library
- Click on **databases** at the left hand side
- Click on the link to select **AMED**
- At the next page ensure that the box adjacent to **AMED** is ticked
- Click **continue**

Simple Searching

- Enter a keyword in the search box e.g. **yoga**
- From the drop down menu select where you would like the word to appear e.g. **title**
- Click on **search**

Viewing Results

- Click on the underlined link to display details about each record
- To return to the search screen click on **New Search** at the top

Improving your Search

- Type your keywords into the search box
- Select where you wish these terms to appear by clicking on the drop down menu
- In the bottom half of the search screen you can choose to define your search even further, e.g. by selecting a time period, a language or a type of document for your results

Search Tips

- To link keywords together use the drop down menus on the left hand side at the top of the search page:
- e.g. a search for **yoga and heart** will return records containing both keywords
- a search for **yoga or heart** will return records containing either the word yoga or the word heart
- a search for **yoga not heart** will return records containing the word yoga but not the word heart

Selecting Results

- When you have suitable records, click on **ADD**, this adds the record to a temporary folder
- To review the contents of the folder, click on **View Folder** at the top of the screen
- You can choose to delete, print or email items or save them to disc