

## FINDING BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION IN THE BIOMEDICAL LITERATURE

**OVID (<http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/ovid>):**

**MEDLINE:**

**Options:**

1. At the ENTER KEYWORD or PHRASE box, enter a name using last name, first initial, middle initial (if known) with the extension .pn.

Example:                   osler w.pn.  
                                  kennedy jf.pn.  
                                  freud:.pn.

**OR**

2. Enter a topic at the ENTER KEYWORD (i.e. psychoanalysis). Using the LIMIT ICON scroll down to PUBLICATION TYPES and limit your search result to BIOGRAPHY, FESTSCHRIFT, HISTORICAL ARTICLE, or INTERVIEW.

**OR**

3. Enter one of the following suggested subject headings at the ENTER SUBJECT line:

FAMOUS PERSONS	BIOGRAPHY
AUTOBIOGRAPHY	HISTORY OF MEDICINE
PHYSICIANS/HI [history]	CORRESPONDENCE/HI
PORTRAITS	PAINTINGS
NOBEL PRIZE	AWARDS AND PRIZES

**EBSCO CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature):**

**Options:**

1. Enter one of the following suggested subject headings at the ENTER KEYWORD or PHRASE box:

NURSE THEORISTS	HISTORY OF NURSING
NURSING LEADERS	NURSES or NURSES/HI [history]
NURSE AUTHORS	NURSE EDITORS
AWARDS AND PRIZES	

**OR**

2. Enter a topic in the Find box (i.e. military nursing). Using the Refine Search tab in the middle of the page scroll down to PUBLICATION TYPE and limit your search results to BIOGRAPHY, INTERVIEW, or OBITUARY.

OR

3. In the subject box, type .np. [named person] after the name (example: Nightingale f.np.)

## WEB of SCIENCE

Web of Science is available at: <http://purl.lib.uiowa.edu/wos>.

Choose **Easy Search**, pick one or more search areas, click the **Person** button and then enter a person's name. Click **Show me articles about this person**, click **Search**

## PRINT SOURCES:

### Print Indexes:

#### A. CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature) Reference

**Biography, Interview & Obituary** are designated descriptors. Located in parentheses after the author's name it indicates that the article in question is a biography, interview, or obituary.

##### SAMPLE ENTRIES:

In the Subject section:

HISTORY-GREAT BRITAIN

The Brussels Nightingale..Edith Cavell..life of this extraordinary nurse (Ryder R)(biography, pictorial) NURS TIMES 1990 Oct 10-17;86(41):59-61 (3 ref)

In the Author section:

RYDER R: The Brussels Nightingale...Edith Cavell..life of this extraordinary nurse (biography,pictorial) NURS TIMES 1990 Oct 10-17;86(41):59-61 (3 ref)

#### B. Hospital Literature Index Reference

Biographical articles are cited in the Name section with the subject's name in parentheses preceding the full citation. Entries for biographical subjects also appear under the names of the authors.

##### SAMPLE ENTRIES:

(Rowland P), Anderson HJ: Patient relations director promotes customer loyalty. Hospitals 1990 Nov 20;64(22):46

Anderson HJ: Patient relations director promotes customer loyalty. Hospitals 1990 Nov 20;64(22):46

#### C. Index Medicus Reference

Biographical articles are cited in the Author section with the subject's name enclosed in parentheses and preceding the other parts of the entry. A separate entry is also provided under the name of the author in the usual manner. An anonymous biography or obituary will appear only under the subject's name.

**SAMPLE ENTRIES:**

(Gachet PF) Burchell HB, Shampo MA. Paul-Ferdinand Gachet-van Gogh's physician. Mayo Clin Proc 1987 Jul;62(7):629  
Burchell HB, Shampo MA. Paul-Ferdinand Gachet-van Gogh's physician. Mayo Clin Proc 1987 Jul;62(7):629

**D. Index to Dental Literature Reference**

Biographical articles are cited in the Name section with the subject's name enclosed in parentheses and preceding the other parts of the entry. Only selected biographical articles are included. General biographies and obituaries are not indexed.

**E. International Nursing Index Reference**

Biographical articles are cited in the Author section with the subject's name enclosed in parentheses and preceding the other parts of the entry. A separate entry is also provided under the name of the author in the usual manner. An anonymous biography or obituary will appear only under the subject's name.

**F. Science Citation Index Reference**

A designation BIOGRAPHICAL ITEM (in the Source Index) and I (in the Citation Index) designates an article that focuses on the life of an individual.

**SAMPLE ENTRIES:**

CITATION INDEX:

Anselin F

63 T Am Nucl Soc 20

Blanchard P T Am Nucl S 23 151 89 I

SOURCE INDEX:

Cheatham TJ

Smith JR-Life of TJ Cheatham - **Biographical Item**

For other Biographical Sources, check InfoHawk.