

Current Evidence: Setting up Email Alerts

Healthcare Databases Advanced Search (HDAS)

Collection of clinical databases covering titles in nursing, allied healthcare, biomedicine, psychology & psychiatry (e.g. CINAHL, Medline, PsycINFO, EMBASE).

The Alert Service emails you when a publication (e.g. journal article) is added to a database on your defined topic.

What do I need? NHS OpenAthens account (see Library Website).

- (1) Conduct your search (and save results, if desired).
- (2) Save your search strategy.
- (3) Decide which line to mark for an alert (e.g. the last, which is green).

(4) Click bell icon.

Current search strategy: Sleep Disorders (Medline)

	Database(s)	Search Term			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saved Results		View Results (21)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Medline	"SLEEP WAKE DISORDERS"/	View Results (21,986)	Edit	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Medline	"ANGELMAN SYNDROME"/	View Results (1,174)	Edit	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Medline	(1 AND 2)	View Results (21)		

Your chosen alert line turns yellow, with further options underneath.

(5) Make selections:

Frequency – HDAS sends regular emails, even with no results.
Format – PDF is easiest to read.
Type – level of detail required.

Once saved, the bell icon in your search line darkens. You can test your settings by sending an email.

To view or delete alert settings, select the 'Alerts' tab at top of screen.

- Alerts can only be set up on searches run on a **single** database, and also on **one search line** at a time.
- Different databases update at different times.
- If an article is difficult to obtain, tell us – we can find it for you!
- For best results, please consult a Knowledge Specialist.