

Bioethics Databases - Comparison

| | ETHX on the Web http://www.georgetown.edu/research/nrcbl/databases.htm | Medline (Ovid) from Dahlgren web page http://dml.georgetown.edu/ | PubMed http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi | LOCATORplus http://locatorplus.gov/ |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| Publisher | National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature (NRCBL) (Kennedy Institute of Ethics) | Ovid; National Library of Medicine (NLM) supplies contents | National Library of Medicine (NLM) | National Library of Medicine (NLM) |
| Types of Materials Included | Journal articles, books, book chapters, bills, laws, court decisions, reports, audiovisuals, news articles | 4,600 biomedical journals published in the U.S. and in 70 other countries | 4,600 biomedical journals published in the U.S. and in 70 other countries | Books, journal titles (not journal articles), reports, audiovisuals, and computer files |
| Unique Strength | Includes materials in other languages, court decisions and audiovisuals; almost all items indexed are available in NRCBL; free; available anywhere | More full-text articles; includes materials in other languages and provides English abstracts | Includes materials in other languages and provides English abstracts; free; available anywhere | Includes audiovisuals; some foreign materials; free; available anywhere |
| Time Coverage | Journals: 1988 – present (12% from before 1988); Books and audiovisuals 1975 – present | Mid-1960s – present | 1960s – present (pre-1966 in the OLDMEDLINE subset) | 1960 – present |
| Full-text | No | More full-text than PubMed | Links to full-text articles freely available on the web | No |
| Abstract | No | Yes (>75%) | Yes (>75%) | No |
| Update Frequency | Monthly | Daily | Daily | Daily |
| Number of Records (Approx.) | 180,000 | >12 million (about 186,000 of which are on bioethics) | >12 million (about 186,000 of which are on bioethics) | 800,000 (about 17,000 of which are on bioethics) |
| Subject Headings | NRCBL Classification | MeSH | MeSH | MeSH |
| Off Campus Use for GULC students | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |