Searching Google Scholar
http://scholar.google.com/

Google Scholar allows you to search a wide array of authoritative, scholarly publications such as theses, peer-reviewed articles, books, and abstracts from many academic publishers and professional societies.

Simple Search page - Results are sorted as they are in Google – by relevance

Author
All of these formats are acceptable ways to search by author
author:smith    author:“b smith”    author:“ba smith”    author:“brian a. smith”

When looking for a specific paper just add the author’s name to your search term
smith whitening teeth

Use quotes when searching on full name or last name and initial
“b smith” whitening teeth

Boolean operators and phrase searching
Use the + to make sure GS searches common words, letters, or numbers that it would otherwise ignore
+my chin

Use the – to exclude results that include this term
blood – author:blood    dental braces – nickel

Use “ ” for phrase searching
“in home tooth bleaching”

Use OR to include similar or variant terms – this will broaden your search
dental cavity OR caries

Advanced Search page

Author – see Simple Search above for ways to format names

Specific publication – be aware of the different ways journal titles are written
Limit your search to Journal of Dental Research – then to J Dent Res and compare results

Date publication year range

Category – seven major categories – found on the Advanced Search page

Setting Scholar Preferences

Search language – Eight possible language choices

Library Link – Find IU libraries in the drop-down box

Number of Results – 10 is the default and is recommended for speed of searching

Results window – Can choose to have results open in a new browser window

Bibliography Manager – can select the bibliographic software to use for downloads – e.g., EndNote, RefMan
BE SURE TO SAVE YOUR PREFERENCES BEFORE LEAVING PAGE

Understanding the Search Results page

1. **Title** – hyperlink to abstract – or, if available, Full-text
2. **Cited by** – other papers that cite this one
3. **Related articles** – GS tries to find papers closely related to the ones you’ve found in your search
4. **Library Links** [Find It] – link to electronic version of the article through IU libraries – go to Preferences to make sure IU is listed as your library
5. **Library Links** [Find It] – link to libraries that own a physical copy of the article
6. **Web search** – searches your term on the web via Google search engine
7. **BL Direct** – a link to the British Library document service so that you can purchase the article – DON’T USE THIS!
8. **Recent articles** – resorts your results into date order with most recent papers first
9. Results marked CITATION – these articles are referenced by articles in Google Scholar – but they have not been found online