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Module III – More Search Strategies

Applying What You've Learned

NOTE: To complete these activities you need a free trial or full subscription to PEN. Go to the PEN home page by typing the PEN URL into your web browser <u>www.pennutrition.com</u>

- Enter your User Name and Password into appropriate fields and click on "login."
- Click inside the *search box* at the top right hand side of the PEN home page.
- Thinking of a practice question or issue that you'd like to find an evidence-based answer for, type one to three key words into the search field and click on search.
- Review your search results and determine whether there is a knowledge pathway, practice question or related tool/resource that meets your needs.
- Follow the link to review the details.
- Experiment with the Key Word search by using the terms AND or OR between your search terms. Compare the differences in the search results when using this method with the Key Word Search without these terms.
- Next try an Advanced Search. Click your mouse on the *Advanced Search* link found just below the search box on the top right hand side of the web page.
- Complete the search form by selecting additional criteria to help focus your search. If you find you get no results from your search, broaden your search by eliminating some of the parameters.



- For more tips to improve your search strategies, click HELP and then the "Search" link.
- Good work! You've now learned three ways to search PEN contents using the Table of Contents from Module II and now using the Key Word or Advance Search Method. You're ready to do the final Module IV on other important PEN features.

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