



TIP SHEET VISIONET

Visionet is the only online database that indexes optometric literature. Produced by the Southern College of Optometry Library, Visionet includes citations to articles on vision science, contact lenses, eye disease, optometry, and ophthalmology. It can be used to search for articles in optometry and ophthalmology from 1975 to the present.

The index is updated weekly. While full citation information is included, there are no abstracts or full-text articles.

Visionet also allows you to search for books, slides, and videos, but the system will show you only those in the Southern College of Optometry's library. To access those materials in the Kohn Library, search our online catalog (available in the Library or on the Library's home page) or ask a Library staff member for assistance.

How do I log in?

- Connect to **Visionet** from the Library's home page.
- For **ID** and **password**, please check the Password list on the Library's Electronic Journals page.
- Click on "**Enter**"

What search options are available?

- **Visionet** has both basic and advanced search options.

How do I search in the basic search option?

- The basic search option allows you to search by **keyword**, **author's name**, and **publication year**.
- To see a list of accepted keywords, click on the **keyword button**.
- The only Boolean function available in the basic search mode is **AND**.

How do I search in the advanced search option?

- Advanced search allows you to search using Boolean operators **AND**, **OR**, and **NOT**.
- To maximize results, enter only one concept on each line.

How about searching individual fields, like title or author?

- In the advanced search mode, you may search by specific fields using the following prefixes:
 - author...au=last name + initial
 - title...ti=title word(s) with Boolean separators (AND, OR, NOT)
 - publication year...py=1999*
(To designate a range of years, use the following: py=1998*:1999*)

How do I initiate a search and view my results?

- After entering the keywords or terms you want to search, click on the search button at the bottom of the page. The number of citations found will be noted in "**Records retrieved**".
- To view the titles, click on "**Display search results**".
- Check the titles you want to see, then click on "**View selections**".
- To view the entire citation, click on "**View full record**".

Since we have only two logins, please remember to **LOGOFF** as soon as you are finished.

Should you have any questions or need assistance with a search, please see Ms. Elaine Wells, Library Director and Reference Librarian, or Ms. Kadri Niider, Assistant Librarian.