

Antwort von PubMed zur Frage:

Warum findet die Textwortsuche **back pain** nicht automatisch **low-back pain**?

The problem you mention is the result of hyphenated terms. The way our current system works, we index phrases (create searchable strings) that are hyphenated independently of all other phrases.

1. Hyphenated phrase:

**low-back pain** in a title or abstract: the strings that are indexed (meaning searchable) are:

**low back pain**

**low back.**

2. **low back pain** (no hyphen) will have these terms in the index of searchable terms:

**low back pain**

**low back**

**back pain**

**low back**

**pain**

The system must work this way so that chemical names that often contain hyphens can be searched in a distinguishing way. We realize that this causes problems for other searches so we will continue to see what improvements we can make to PubMed. **Fortunately, we have a MeSH terms for Low Back Pain and the broader term, Back Pain. When searching if you search for Back Pain [mh] you will retrieve citations with this term and the indented term, Low Back Pain.**

*(Anmerkung: einer der Vorteile des MeSH, aber eben nur im verschlagworteten Teil).*