To access Ovid MEDLINE, go to Himmelfarb Library home page at himmelfarb.gwu.edu and click on “MEDLINE” under “Popular Resources”

Search each part of your topic separately and use Medical Subject Headings (MeSH terms) when available.

- **Explode** will retrieve articles on that topic and related more specific topics (i.e. Tree as well as Elm, Oak, Pine)

- **Focus** will retrieve articles that concentrate mainly on the selected topic (i.e. articles primarily about trees rather than plants in general)
Select subheadings (i.e. epidemiology, mortality, prevention and control) to find information on a particular aspect of a topic.

Combine topics using AND. This will select articles with all of your concepts, resulting in a smaller group of citations.
- **Apply limits** (e.g. *English Language, Humans, 2000-current*)
- A number of **common limits** are located on the main search screen. **Additional limits** are available by clicking on the Additional Limits button below the common limits.

![Image of search screen with limits and citations]

- **Select citations** by clicking the check box next to the citation number to **print**, **email**, or **export** the ones you want.
- To **export citations into RefWorks**, click on Export, then Export Citations.