# Citation Searching using Web of Science

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## What’s the point of citation searching?

You can find out who has cited (mentioned in their article) any article you’ve already found

You may be able to find more research on your topic

You may be able to find more recent research on your topic

## An example

The following article was one of the ones you found with your database search.

Moyle, W., Borbasi, S. and Wallis, M. (2011) ‘Acute care management of older people with dementia: a qualitative perspective', Journal of Clinical Nursing, 20(3-4), pp. 420–428.

The details in pink – author (last name only), Journal title and year published are the details you’ll need to search on.

Hint: If there’s more than one author, just pick the name which is easiest to spell.

## Doing a citation search

Go to Web of Science (listed near the end of our databases list http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/subject-help/health-and-social-work/databases-for-health-and-social-work/)

You need to click on the purple button in the centre of the screen to get to the search screen.

## Search Screen

Choose the Cited Reference Search option

## Cited Reference Search Screen

Fill in the details from your article

Author

Journal Title

Year

Click Search

## Citation search results

The article you searched for should appear on screen.

The number of times it has been cited will appear to the right of the record.

## Citation search results

Clicking on this number will give you the list of articles which have referred to your starting article.

## Citation results

You may find new articles on your topic area

They may not be all related directly to your question

You may find your article isn’t listed on Web of Science – try one of the other results from your database search or try citation searching in Google Scholar

Finding one or two articles in this way is great. If you did find lots of articles using this method which you hadn’t found with your database search, alarm bells should ring.

Why weren’t you finding those results on the database?

What words are they using which aren’t in your list of search terms?

Have another look at your database search.

## Further help

If you want to try using a database, have a look at the individual database searching guides on our Library Health and Social Work How to…guides page.

If want help with what search words to use, watch Constructing a Search Strategy

If you have questions you’d like to ask a librarian…

## Any Questions?

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Ask for help if you need it.