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Step 2. Move to the next search box and type in the 2nd concept. Continue until all concepts are included. By default the Boolean operator, AND, is inserted between each search box.

Step 3. Click Search to run your query.

**Advanced Searching**

The Advanced link provides two options to refine a search:

A) Use the PubMed Advanced Search Builder to create a search using AND & OR.

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**Field Searching**

- **Title and Abstract search [tiab]**
  - “cardiac failure”[tiab]

- **Author’s Keyword search [ot]**
  - “cardiac failure”[ot]

- **Mesh searching [Mesh]**
  - “heart failure”[Mesh]

- **Restrict to MeSH Major Topic. [Majr]**
  - “heart failure”[Majr]

- **Do not include narrower terms found below this term in the MeSH hierarchy. [Mesh:NoExp]**
  - “heart failure”[Mesh:NoExp]

- **Author search [au]**
  - Gilbert RE[au]

**B) History tracks and numbers each of your previous search strategies. Click on “Add to Builder” to add previous searches to your Advanced Search Builder.**

- OR
- AND

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