FIS 2135 Search Assignment 2

Worth: 20%
Due: Wednesday, March 17th, 2004 (Class 10)

You are given the following scenario to use as the basis for your search. Below the scenario and resource listings are the details of what you need to hand into the instructors. Your search will be assessed for appropriateness of resources chosen, search strategy development, use of system features and end result.

Scenario

Using the drug you were assigned in Search 1, provide me (a clinician) with information about the following:
- Pharmacological action of the drug
- Uses of the drug
- Citations to a few recent conference presentations about the drug
- Citations for a few European studies involving the drug
- Patient information about the drug

Resources to be used:
- EMBASE
- BIOSIS
- Web of Science
- and one (1) of the following: IPA, CINAHL, LocatorPlus
- Drug reference resources (see reviews posted on class distribution list for resources to that could be used)

Write-up – 4-5 pages, double spaced, maximum

Discuss your search strategy. Points of discussion for each database searched:

- Why did you use the search terms that are listed in your strategy?
- Were there other terms you could have used for searching? Why did you choose not to use the other terms?
- Were the search terms you used in this database different from those you used in MEDLINE? If they were different, then explain why there is a difference.

Discuss any overlap in references from the database resources used in this assignment and those found in your MEDLINE search.

- Are there duplicate references? Why or why not?

Include the following with your write-up:

1. A photocopy or printout of information about pharmacological action and uses.
2. A copy of your search strategies, including citations, abstracts (if available) and keywords or subject headings for a maximum of 4-5 references from each database searched.