Secondary Resources Assignment  
Due 23 October 2006

Name: ____________________________

Assignment goal: for you to compare the output of three different primary literature search engines. Please note that you are trying to locate clinical trials which may help to answer your drug information question and your search histories should reflect some attempt to narrow the publications located to clinical trials.

Criteria for grading:
• completeness (you searched three different secondary resources)
• participation (it is obvious that you made some attempt to narrow or widen your search)
• accuracy (you have located trials or studies, not reviews or cases)

Your drug information question:

Please attach to this cover sheet the history summaries of 3 secondary resources you used to search for studies about your drug information question. One secondary resource must be MEDLINE via PubMed. Be sure to try several different search terms or search limits (at least 5) to see how each narrows and broadens your search results. Please note: not all portals list the used database on the search history page. You may need to write this in by hand so I can know which search engine you used.

Along with the search histories, please submit at least 3 studies which your literature search enabled you to find (you can have more than 3, but should have fewer than 6). You will need to submit the whole study. When you finish, you should have 3 search history pages and at least 3 studies attached to this cover sheet. You are encouraged to attach the papers with a paper clip, so that you can easily separate them when I hand them back.