EMS Research
In the ACC Libraries

Finding Books
- Use a catalog keyword search for fastest results. In addition to “EMS” “EMT” and “Paramedic,” try using the word “Prehospital.” Some books are labeled under this term.
- Note the difference between “emergency medicine” and “emergency medical services.”
- Emergency medical services books and videos can be found in many places in the library. The two main call number areas are WB (Practice of Medicine) and WX (Hospitals and other health facilities), but they can be elsewhere, too.

Finding Articles
- Use the A-Z List of E-Resources link on the right of the home page to get to the article databases.
- The best databases to use for EMS articles are:
  - CINAHL
  - Pubmed
  - HealthSource: Nursing/Academic Edition
  - Health Reference Center Academic
  - Academic Search Complete
- Remember to truncate by using the asterisk (*) to get more results
- Look for limiting to full-text or ACC journals only, if that’s what you’re looking for
- Use the Journal Finder to search for particular journals, either in print or online, at ACC.
- Be aware of the differences between trade magazines and academic journals. Look for a way to limit between these types of publications. Academic journal articles are usually designated by the words: academic journals, scholarly, refereed, peer reviewed.

Finding Information on the Web
- Start at the ACC Library page for EMS information: http://researchguides.austincc.edu/ems
- Pay attention to the difference in information found from different domains, (i.e., whether the page is from a .com, .org, or .gov website
- Find out who the authors of a page are and where they are coming from – what is their agenda, or their reason for putting this information online? Look for a link that says “About” or “About Us”.
- Check to see if the page is current and if the information can be found in more than one place.
How do you get to the library? Start here.

LIVE CHAT
Need help while outside the library? Click this link for live online help during most regular library hours and even later.

FIND BOOKS and VIDEOS
Use either of these sections to find books, e-books and videos in the library. Remember to start searching by KEYWORD in the catalog, and try truncating to get more results (paramed* for paramedic, paramedics, etc.). The yellow Library Catalog Only link provides more focused search options.

FIND ARTICLES AND RESEARCH INFORMATION
If you want to search a specific database, try the link for A-Z List of All Databases. From there you can look for databases on a topic or choose a specific database from the alphabetical list. Remember, the primary database for allied health information is CINAHL. For more full-text articles, see HealthSource: Nursing/Academic Edition, Health Reference Center – Academic, or Academic Search Premier. You can also use Pubmed for ACC to identify articles in our database AND in print on our shelves in the library.

REMEMBER!
If you want to access any of the electronic resources from home or off-campus, you will need to enter your ACCeID and password. This is the same login you use to access Blackboard. Only currently enrolled students have access to these databases.

EMS RESEARCH GUIDE
Click here for the EMS research guide. The guide gathers library EMS information in one handy site.