

Search details for FDALabel
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Simple Search:

There are two main types of simple searches: full text search and product search. Full text search will query the entire label, while product search will only query the product name or generic name (depending on what is selected in the dropdown). Full text search options using various Boolean operators include:

All words must appear together: When multiple words are entered without any operator, they must appear in a row. For example, the search “acute liver failure” requires all three words to appear together in that order.

All words must appear (but can be separate): The “and” search requires all words to be found. For example, searching for “bleeding and vomiting” requires both the words “bleeding” and “vomiting” to be present.

At least one word must appear: The “or” search requires only one of the words to be found. For example, searching for “bleeding or vomiting” requires only either “bleeding” or “vomiting” to be present.

Stemming: The “\$” operator can be used for stemming. For example, searching for \$bleed also will find “bleeding”.

Combinations: These operators can be used in conjunction - for example, “(bleeding and vomiting) or acute liver failure” will return all labels that have either both “bleeding” and “vomiting” to be present, or have the phrase “acute liver failure”.

The above modifiers cannot be used in the generic/product name panel. However, you can choose the “contains match of regular expression” from the dropdown then use a bar “|” character to separate the words you would like to search with an “or”. For example, searching for “Lorazepam|Tolazamide” in generic name will search for both names.

Advanced Search:

The default way of joining different conditions together is with AND. So the top level panels (which have a white background) are joined together with AND. Within some panels, one can control how the items within the panel, referred to as fields below, are joined (via "require any/require all" checkbox or the drop down list at the top of the products panel), so these items may be OR'd together if the user so chooses. But the panel criteria as a whole will then still be AND-combined with the others top-level panels.

The presence of a specific field: If a specific field is added to a search, only records that contain that field will be returned. For example, choosing “Boxed Warning” under “Sections” will return records that contain a “Boxed Warning” section. If multiple fields are added, all of them must be present (they are AND’ed together by default; “require any” can be selected to OR them instead).

searching within a specific field: If “bleeding” is entered in the “Boxed Warning” search, then all results must contain the word “bleeding” in the “Boxed Warning” section. Boolean operators can be used for these “within field” searches.

Combinations: If multiple specific field searches of different types (Section, Dosage Forms, etc.) are entered, they are AND’ed together (all fields entered must be satisfied). For example, searching for “Boxed Warning” under “Sections” and “Capsule” under “Dosage Forms” will require the result to have both the section “Boxed Warning” and the dosage form of “Capsule”.

Additional Information:

The search field will ignore common words such as “the” and “to”. These are considered “stop words” and are customizable. Please email stephen.harris@fda.hhs.gov at NCTR if you have any questions or if you would like to search for a stop word or customized query.