Northern Light is a grey literature database, ideal for research scientists at pharmaceutical and biotech companies, healthcare organizations, academic institutions, research libraries, and research teams at hospitals. The database provides unique access to abstracts and posters from medical and life sciences conferences from across the globe.

Why Northern Light?
- Must-have for anyone conducting systematic reviews
- Only database source for conference abstracts not published as journal supplements
- Helps maximize research efficiency, competitive intelligence, and product development
- Helps to develop safety reports for regulatory compliance with a current and comprehensive database of conference abstracts
- Use as a current awareness search tool for following emerging pharmacotherapy, new interventions, and leading researchers/institutions
- Provides access to valuable research and trials that may never reach full publication but are an essential contribution to evidence

Benefits of Northern Light on Ovid
- Make searches more efficient using the deduplication functionality between conference abstracts in Northern Light and papers in other databases on Ovid to help streamline search results—delivering unique results that can be quickly identified when searching across multiple databases, thus eliminating post-search processing.
- Find precise information fast by searching conference names, MeSH® terms, authors, drugs, devices, clinical trials, diagnoses, and more.
- Retain access to summaries of conference abstracts and author information even when conference links expire.
- Take advantage of Ovid’s powerful search functionality and time-saving workflow tools, including inline abstracts,
- Auto-Alerts delivered via RSS, flexible search results sorting, and more.
- All of the abstracts and posters are linked from the search results. A user can click on the Poster or Abstract URL to go to conference website with the poster or abstract they want to read.

Why Grey Literature?
- Over one-half of trials reported in conference abstracts never reach full publication.
- Papers published in full are systematically different from those never published in full.
- Conference abstracts and other grey literature have been shown to be sources of approximately 10% of the studies referenced in Cochrane reviews.
- Searching for unpublished studies or data reduces level of possible bias.
- Exclusion of grey literature from meta analyses can lead to exaggerated estimates of intervention effectiveness.

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- Must-have resource for systematic reviews
- Deduplication functionality between Northern Light and other databases on Ovid
- Over 20,000 abstracts added every month
- Quick, easy access to tables, graphs, and images through 200,000 Northern Light conference poster URLs
- Real-time access to conference abstracts—searchable within 3 weeks or less from being posted on conference sites
- Coverage includes diseases, treatments, drugs, clinical trial phases, medical devices, and more
- 100% copyright compliant—search confidently across all content
Use Cases

For the Information Scientist

- Information scientists can track details on investigator-sponsored trials of the company's drug at conferences.
- Researchers can gather comprehensive data about the results of another pharmaceutical company's drug—or for drug discovery, to assist preclinical studies for competitive purposes.

For the Academic Librarian and Researcher

- Support researchers conducting systematic reviews with access to conference literature.
- Validate that research is novel and innovative while brainstorming an idea, designing a study, or applying for a grant.

For the Clinical Researcher

- Searching for unpublished studies or data reduces level of possible bias.
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Key Features

More than 4 million abstracts and 200,000 posters from over 5,200 global conferences from over 800 meeting organizers from 2010 to present—updated weekly!

Conference abstracts cover:

- Over 50,000 coronavirus-related presentations
- Research addressing more than 200 diagnostics and treatments
- More than 5,000 diseases, 3,000 drugs, and 55 medical devices
- Extensive smart tagging added by Northern Light’s MI Analyst™ text analytics engine
- Indexed with 50,000 terms from Northern Light’s taxonomies
- Conferences sponsored by biomedical, clinical medicine, life sciences, nursing, and pharmacology organizations from around the world
- Clinical trial phase identification

Subjects and Disciplines

- Anti-Obesity and Weight Loss
- Blood Disorders and Hematology
- Cardiovascular Diseases
- Childhood Diseases
- Dermatology
- Endocrine Disorders
- Gastrointestinal Diseases
- Immune System Diseases
- Infectious Diseases
- Kidney Disease
- Men’s Health
- Muscular and Skeletal Diseases
- Nanomedicine
- Neurological and Central Nervous System Diseases
- Neuroscience
- Oncology
- Ophthalmology
- Orphan Diseases
- Pain Management
- Pediatrics
- Senior Health
- Sleep Disorders
- Smoking Cessation
- Stem Cell Research
- Urology
- Vaccines
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- Wound Care
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- Enzyme
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- Human anatomy
- Mechanism of Action
- Medical device
- Therapeutic area

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