

## Current-awareness alerts (SDIs) in multiple databases

You can easily create current-awareness alerts (SDIs) to receive unique search results from multiple databases on STN.

Take advantage of these convenient options:

- Use as many databases as you need.
- Remove duplicates across databases, as well as previously seen article and patent records.
- Use a customized query, display format, and run frequency for each database.

In addition, SDI PACKAGE allows you to receive multifile alert results in a single package, on the last day of each month, regardless of individual database update and alert frequencies.

Follow these steps to set up a multifile alert:

1. Create a query L-number to run in each database.

You may create multiple L-numbers to take advantage of each database's indexing or search options.

2. Enter the databases in which you want your multifile alert to be run.
3. Enter SDI MFILE and answer the prompts. To choose the SDI PACKAGE results delivery option, enter SDI PACKAGE and answer the prompts.

Enter the DELETE command and the multifile alert name to delete the entire multifile alert and its components.

## Set up a multifile alert.

1 Create L-numbers for the queries you want to use. You can customize queries for each database.

2 Enter the databases for the multifile alert.

3 Enter SDI MFILE.

4 Answer the prompts for general information on the multifile alert.

5 Choose whether to have duplicates automatically removed within and across all databases.

6 Answer the prompts for the MEDLINE alert. You can customize options such as run frequency in each database.

7 Answer the prompts for the EMBASE alert.

```
=> FILE MEDLINE
=> S MACULAR DEGENERATION/CT
L1          2803 MACULAR DEGENERATION/CT

=> FILE EMBASE
=> S RETINA MACULA DEGENERATION/CT
L2          1452 RETINA MACULA DEGENERATION/CT

=> FILE MEDLINE EMBASE

=> SDI MFILE

MULTIFILE SDI GENERAL PARAMETERS
-----
ENTER MULTIFILE SDI REQUEST NAME ('AA043/S'), OR
END:EV/S
ENTER TITLE (NONE):MACULAR DEGENERATION
ENTER COST CENTER (NONE) OR NONE:EVELYN
ENTER METHOD OF DELIVERY (OFFLINE), ONLINE, OR
EMAIL:ONLINE
ELIMINATE PREVIOUSLY SEEN ANSWERS WITH EACH SDI RUN?
Y/(N):Y
HIGHLIGHT HIT TERMS? (Y)/N:Y
ENTER SDI EXPIRATION DATE 'YYYYMMDD' OR (NONE):.
MULTIFILE SDI FILE SPECIFIC PARAMETERS: MEDLINE
-----
ENTER COMPONENT SDI REQUEST NAME ('AA043/S') OR
END:EV1/S
ENTER QUERY L# FOR MULTIFILE SDI REQUEST OR END:L1
ENTER UPDATE FIELD CODE (ED) OR ?:.
ENTER SDI RUN FREQUENCY: EVERYUPDATE, (WEEKLY), MONTHLY,
OR ?:.
MULTIFILE SDI FILE SPECIFIC PARAMETERS: EMBASE
-----
ENTER COMPONENT SDI REQUEST NAME ('AA043/S') OR
END:EV2/S
ENTER QUERY L# FOR MULTIFILE SDI REQUEST OR END:L2
ENTER UPDATE FIELD CODE (ED) OR ?:.
ENTER SDI RUN FREQUENCY: (WEEKLY), BIWEEKLY, OR ?:WEEKLY

MULTIFILE SDI HAS BEEN SAVED AS SDI REQUEST 'EV/S'
QUERY 1 HAS BEEN SAVED AS SDI REQUEST 'EV1/S' FOR FILE
MEDLINE
QUERY 2 HAS BEEN SAVED AS SDI REQUEST 'EV2/S' FOR FILE
EMBASE
```

## Set up an SDI PACKAGE.

- 1 Enter SDI PACKAGE and answer the prompts.

```
=> SDI PACKAGE
ENTER MULTIFILE SDI TYPE (MFILE) OR END:MFILE
MULTIFILE SDI GENERAL PARAMETERS
-----
ENTER MULTIFILE SDI REQUEST NAME ('AA211/S'), OR END: .
ENTER TITLE (NONE):
```

## Review your multifile alerts.

- 1 Enter D SAVED/S MFILE to see a list of all multifile alerts saved for your login ID.

```
=> D SAVED/S MFILE

NAME      CREATED      NOTES/TITLE
-----
EV/S      03 APR 2008  SDI MFILE REQUEST
MACULAR DEGENERATION
EV1/S     03 APR 2008  MEDLINE MEMBER OF SDI EV/S
MACULAR DEGENERATION
EV2/S     03 APR 2008  EMBASE MEMBER OF SDI EV/S
MACULAR DEGENERATION
```

- 2 Enter the databases.

- 3 Display the alert name in FULL to see parameter details and the queries for a multifile alert.

```
=> FILE MEDLINE EMBASE

=> D EV/S FULL

NAME      CREATED      NOTES/TITLE
-----
EV/S      03 APR 2008  SDI MFILE REQUEST
MACULAR DEGENERATION
COST CENTER          EVELYN
METHOD OF DELIVERY   ONLINE
HIGHLIGHTING         YES
DUPLICATE ELIMINATION YES

EV1/S     03 APR 2008  SDI REQUEST FOR FILE MEDLINE
MEMBER OF MULTIFILE SDI EV/S
MACULAR DEGENERATION
UPDATE QUALIFIER     ED
SDI RUN FREQUENCY    WEEKLY

L3          QUE  PLU=ON  MACULAR DEGENERATION/CT

EV2/S     03 APR 2008  SDI REQUEST FOR FILE EMBASE
MEMBER OF MULTIFILE SDI EV/S
MACULAR DEGENERATION
UPDATE QUALIFIER     ED
SDI RUN FREQUENCY    WEEKLY

L4          QUE  PLU=ON  RETINA MACULA DEGENERATION/CT
```

**Edit a multfile alert.**

- 1 Enter SDI EDIT, the alert name, and MFILE.

Line numbers are assigned to each alert parameter.

- 2 Enter the line number for the parameter to be changed.

The system prompts you for all the information needed to process the change.

- 3 Save the changes.

All alert components are automatically edited.

```
=> SDI EDIT EV/S MFILE

PARAMETER                                SETTING
-----
SDI Name and Creation Date                EV/S          03 APR 2008
SDI MFILE REQUEST
1 Title                                  MACULAR DEGENERATION
2 Cost Center                             EVELYN
3 Method of Delivery                       ONLINE
4 Highlighting                             YES
5 Duplicate Elimination                     YES
6 SDI Expiration Date                       NOT SPECIFIED
ENTER LINE NUMBERS FOR CHANGE, NEXT, END, OR (?):3

ENTER METHOD OF DELIVERY (OFFLINE), ONLINE, OR
EMAIL:EMAIL
ENTER EMAIL ID (3937C):HELP@CAS.ORG
      .
      .
      .
VERIFYING DELIVERY DEPENDENT FILE SPECIFIC PARAMETERS:
MEDLINE
-----
ENTER PRINT FORMAT (BIB) OR ?:BIB ABS
ENTER MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HITS TO BE PRINTED PER RUN
(100):.
SORT SDI ANSWER SET (N)/Y?:N
VERIFYING DELIVERY DEPENDENT FILE SPECIFIC PARAMETERS:
EMBASE
-----
ENTER PRINT FORMAT (BIB) OR ?:BIB ABS
      .
      .
      .
ENTER LINE NUMBERS FOR CHANGE, NEXT, END, OR (?):END
SAVE THE CHANGES? (Y)/N:Y
SDI REQUEST 'EV/S' HAS BEEN EDITED
SDI REQUEST 'EV1/S' HAS BEEN EDITED
SDI REQUEST 'EV2/S' HAS BEEN EDITED
```

**For more information**

Enter HELP SDI at an arrow prompt.



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