

# Using Wildcards

If you are not sure of the exact term or phrase you are looking for, or if you want to broaden your search to include CDEs that contain a certain term, use the percent sign (%) as a wildcard. The wildcard character can be used more than once in the search field.

To perform this search...	Use this wildcard example...
To search for a data element containing the word "gene" somewhere in its name, definition, or in the title of attached reference documents, put a wildcard before and after the term.	%gene%
To search for data elements that begin with the word "gene," put a wildcard after the term, gene%.	gene%
To search for matching phrases, use wildcards to bridge words. For example, using gene%brother% returns a match for items such as <i>Genetic Full Brother Count</i> and <i>Genetic Half Brother Count</i> .	gene%brother%