

PubMed Searching

To Search PubMed, type a word or phrase into the query box, then click on the Go button or press the Enter key. Combine search terms with connector words: “AND”, “OR” or “NOT”. Type connector words in upper case letters.

Author Searching – Author names should be entered in the form *gerberding jl*, but initials are optional. Author names are automatically truncated to account for varying initials.

PubMed Features Tabs

Below the query box are the **Features Tabs: Limits, Preview/Index, History, Clipboard, and Details.**

Limits

Feature provides a table with checkboxes for Publication types, Languages, Subsets, Ages, Humans or Animals, Gender, and Publication Date. You can also restrict your search to items with abstracts or links to full text, and make multiple choices within a category. Click on **Limits** below the query box and make selections. After entering the search and choosing limits, click on the **Go** button to run the search. A checkmark in a box beside the word **Limits** indicates that limits are active.

Preview/Index

Feature allows viewing and selecting of searchable fields and subject terms. **Preview** may be used in conjunction with the **Index** to construct and combine search statements before viewing the search results. Consult **Help** for more information.

History

Feature keeps track of search statements and numbers them as links. Clicking on the links provides a menu allowing search statements to be deleted, combined into a search with the AND, OR or NOT connectors, or saved in My NCBI.

Clipboard


Feature allows collecting of selected citations from one or more searches for printing, saving, e-mailing, ordering, or storing in My NCBI Collections. Click the check box beside the citations to select them. Then go to the **Send To** pull-down menu, and select Clipboard. To see the selected citations, click on the **Clipboard** features tab.

Details

Feature provides information on how PubMed ran a search. PubMed looks first for the search words as MeSH terms, then journal titles, then authors and also searches “All Fields.”

PubMed Search Results

After clicking on the **Go** button, PubMed displays a list of results in summary format. To display a list containing more information, use the menu next to Display to pick Abstract, Citation, or MEDLINE format. **Click the document link to the left of the citation for article information and the linker.**

13: [Sloan TJ, Gupta R, Zhang W, Walsh DA.](#)
 **Beliefs about the causes and consequences of pain back pain and in pain-free individuals.**
 Spine. 2008 Apr 20;33(9):966-72.
 PMID: 18427317 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

Link to the Full Text @ Regis Library

Many PubMed citations have links to the full-text of articles through the Regis Library article linker. After clicking on the article title, the Regis linker button

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Check for full text

will appear on the right side of the screen. Click the green button to open the linker, which will provide links to the article or journal, if it is owned by Regis online or in print.

What if the article is not available through Regis? If the linker gives you this message: **Sorry, this article is not available at Regis.**

use the Loan Ranger to request the article from another library through the Regis Interlibrary Loan Department.

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Related articles

Links to related articles are to the right of the article citation under the green linker button.

MeSH Database

Articles are indexed using a powerful vocabulary, called Medical Subject Headings (MeSH). The MeSH Database provides the option of identifying appropriate MeSH terms for searches. Click on the MeSH Database link on the blue sidebar to search for a particular term or concept. After finding a term, click on the link to view and select subheadings and to refine aspects of the MeSH term. Check the terms desired, then click on the **Send To** Search Box feature. When finished adding terms, click **Search PubMed** to run the search.

Clinical Queries

PubMed's Clinical Queries section makes it easier to find articles that report applied clinical research. Click on Clinical Queries on the blue sidebar. Select one of the three options. To search by clinical study category, type search terms in the box provided. Then select one of the filter categories: "etiology," "diagnosis," "therapy," "prognosis," or "clinical prediction guides" and either "narrow, specific search" or "broad, sensitive search."

Select "Find Systematic Reviews" to locate systematic reviews, meta-analyses, reviews of clinical trials, evidence-based medicine, consensus development conferences, and guidelines.

Select "Medical Genetics Searches" to find citations and abstracts related to various topics in medical genetics. Choose one or more of the filter categories provided.

Printing & E-mailing

After selecting your citations and the display format, select Text, Printer, or E-mail from the **Send To** pull-down menu. Text will create a plain text version of the results. The Printer option creates a print-friendly version of the results. Email will ask for a selection of additional options and an email address.

Verifying a Citation

To search for a specific article of a journal issue, click on Single Citation Matcher on the blue sidebar. A form screen will appear. You do not need to fill out the entire form.

My NCBI

PubMed's My NCBI feature stores search strategies, provides automatic e-mail updates, and stores search results. You must register for My NCBI by creating a User Name and Password. Click on My NCBI on the blue sidebar to sign on. My NCBI includes additional features for filtering search results. The tool icon to the right of the features tabs links to a list of commonly requested filters, e.g., "free full text" and "review".

Saving Search Results

To save search results, select File from the **Send To** pull-down menu. You can use the Clipboard to collect citations from multiple searches. To save citations for citation management software, change the display format to MEDLINE before downloading or emailing.

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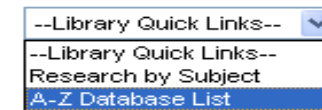
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PubMed Features

- Includes spell checker and special tools for searching clinical topics
- Can find search terms using the MeSH Database, MEDLINE's controlled vocabulary
- Store and automatically receive email updates for saved searches using My NCBI.
- Links to full-text articles @ Regis Library