





PubMed Searching Tips

Name of Feature	Feature	Example	Description
Author search		smith ja OR kai b	last name plus initials (no punctuation)
Boolean operators	AND;NOT;OR	(heat OR humidity) AND multiple sclerosis	must capitalize AND, NOT, OR
Date	YYYY/MM/DD[dp]	AND1997/10/06[dp]	dp=date of publication
Date	YYYY [dp]	AND 1997 [dp]	articles published in 1997
Date	YYYY:YYYY [dp]	AND 1999:2003[dp]	published between 1999-2003
Free electronic articles	AND free full text [sb]	obesity AND free full text [sb]	sb=subset AND must be capitalized
Icon	no abstract available		no abstract available
Icon	abstract available		abstract available
Icon	free full text available		free full text available
Icon	free full text in PubMed Central		free full text in PubMed Central
Journal subset	jsubsetAIM;D;E;H;IM;K;N;Q;S;T;X	neoplasms AND jsubsetE	To obtain citations of articles from specialized journals, enter jsubset followed by the letter(s)**
Journal title search	journal title	molecular biology of the cell	search by using the full journal title
Journal title search	MEDLINE abbreviation	mol biol cell	search by using the MEDLINE journal title abbreviation
Journal title search	ISSN number	1059-1524	search by using the ISSN (International Standard Serial Number)
Main point of article	[majr]	substance abuse [majr]	Retrieves only those articles having the topic as the main point of the article. Use with a Medical Subject Heading.
Phrase search	"..."	"single cell" fever of unknown origin	Entering a phrase in quotes instructs PubMed to check for it in the index of searchable terms. PubMed recognizes some phrases as a concept. No quotation marks are needed.
Possessives		crohn disease	Does not require the possessive form. Don't include the 's .
Subset	aids, bioethics, cancer, cam, history, space, systematic, or tox [sb]	asthma AND cam [sb]	To limit to articles on a specialized topic, combine the subset name followed by [sb] with another concept.
Truncation	*	meth*	Retrieves all endings of word's root. Meth* gives methadone, methamphetamine, method, methodology, methods, etc.

**Journal subsets = jsubset_

- AIM [Abridged Index Medicus](#) is a list created 20 years ago of 120 core clinical English language journals.
Corresponds to "Core clinical journals" subset in Limits.
- D dentistry journals
- E citations from bioethics journals or selected bioethics citations from other journals
- H health administration journals, non-Index Medicus
- IM Index Medicus journals
- K consumer health journals, non-Index Medicus
- N nursing journals
- Q history of medicine journals and selected citations from other journals
- QIS Citations from non-Index Medicus journals in the field of history of medicine
- S citations from space life sciences journals and selected space life sciences citations from other journals
- T health technology assessment journals, non-Index Medicus
- X AIDS/HIV journals (selected citations from other journals 1980-2000)