

## Search PubMed Cheatsheet

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Citation matcher to	Pubmed Single Citation Matcher		
locate single articles			
	Journal: Date: yyyy	/mm/dd (month and day are optional)	
	Volume:	Issue: First page:	
	Author name (	see help)	
	Title words:		
	http://www.ncb	.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/citmatch	
	<ul> <li>The easiest way</li> </ul>	to find 1 particular article! Simply complete the fields that you	
	know and leave	the rest blank	
ATM (Automated	• If no field tags.	"quotes." or truncation (*) are used when typing in word or	
Mapping)	phrase (i.e.: breast cancer), PubMed will attempt to map keywords to a medical		
	(MeSH) subject	heading. If no MeSH synonyms are found, PubMed may map	
	to Journal titles v	which contain the search term(s).	
	<ul> <li>For phrases with both as a phrase</li> </ul>	<u>no</u> " <b>quotes</b> ", truncation ( <sup>*</sup> ), or field tags PubMed will search	
	the terms using "AND" (i.e. breast cancer OR (breast AND cancer)). This		
	helps to mitigate the issue of no "true" keyword phrase searching		
	* To see exactly how Publ	And has translated your search see the <b>search datails</b> section in	
	the lower right-hand menu of the search results screen.		
Field Tags	On the main search screen, enter a search term qualified by a field tag such		
	as: title[ti], title/abstract[tiab], or Pubmed ID [PMID]. Using a field tag		
	disables the AIM (Automated Mapping). The complete list of field tags can be found under <b>Help</b> (right corner). Search Field Descriptions & Tags section		
Combining Searches		es boolean operators (always in capital letters) in a left-to-	
AND	right sequence. Search terms enclosed in parentheses are processed first. i.e.:		
OR	common cold AND (vitamin c OR zinc).		
NOT	<ul> <li>Click Advanced Search page to access previous searches or combine sets.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Combine search</li> </ul>	set numbers as follows: #2 AND #3 - then click Go. Set	
Trupaction	numbers must be	e preceded by the # character.	
Truncation	<ul> <li>Allerg [liab] will retrieve allergy, allergies, allergens, allergic, etc Click on</li> <li>Details to view how your search request has been translated</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>PubMed uses only the first 600 variants of an entry term</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>ATM (Automated</li> </ul>	Mapping) is disabled with truncation.	
Subject Searching: The	The MeSH Database enables you to search PubMed using MeSH (Medical Subject		
MeSH Database	Headings) for a more precise, focused search as compared to Keyword searching.		
	*Important: new non-indexed articles will not be retrieved if <u>only</u> MeSH terms are searched		
	Neoplasms <b>[mh]</b>	Retrieves articles indexed with this MeSH heading plus all MeSH headings which fall under this (i.e. 'breast neoplasms')	
	Neoplasms[majr]	Retrieves articles indexed with this MeSH heading which are also	
		tagged as a <b>major</b> topic as well as all the headings which fall under	
		article	
	Neoplasms[mh:noexp]	Retrieves articles indexed with this MeSH heading but <b>NOT</b> the	
		MeSH headings which fall under this category	
	Neoplasms[majr:noexp]	Retrieves articles indexed with this MeSH heading which are also	
		category	

Pharmacological Action	Pharmacological Action is a subset of MeSH. It uses the tag [pa] for all substances			
-	identified as having the same pharmacological action (similar to a drug class).			
	<ul> <li>bladder cancer AND Antioxidants[PA]</li> </ul>			
	o ⊢or a complete list: <u>http://www.ncbi.nlm.nln.gov/mesh/1000082?/log\$=activity</u>			
Advanced Search	Click on Advanced Search on the PubMed home page to perform the following tasks:			
	<ul> <li>Drowsing the number of search results</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Displaying your search history and combining searches strategies (see</li> </ul>			
	"Combining Searches" above)			
Clinical Queries	Suggested PubMed search filters that limit retrieval to, etiology, diagnosis, therapy,			
	prognosis, or clinical prediction guides can be found in <i>Clinical Queries</i> on the			
	PubMed home page.			
	*Further information: <u>http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK3827/#pubmedhelp.Clinical_Queries_Filters</u>			
Filters	Filters are available on the left-hand margin of the search results page and clicking will			
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" Filters/limits remain for subsequent searches unless	• Publication dates			
cleared!	• Species: limits to humans or animals. Important: using the 'Species' limit removes			
	<ul> <li>Article types: limits to articles that have been indexed with the corresponding article</li> </ul>			
	type (i.e. RCT). Important: using the 'Article types' limit removes any new non-			
	indexed articles.			
	<ul> <li>Languages: limit to languages required (i.e.: English &amp; French)</li> </ul>			
Additional Filters:	Built-in PubMed search filters that limit retri	eval to the following:		
Topic-Specific Queries				
	AIDS[sb]	Space life sciences – space[sb]		
	Cancer[sb]	Toxicology – tox[sb]		
	Complimentary medicine – cam[sb]	Veterinary / animal health – veterinary[sb]		
	Click <b>Show additional filters</b> link on the left-hand margin of the search results page			
	and select <b>Subject</b> or search directly using topic and field tag (i.e.: Cancer AND AIDS[sb])			
Additional Filters:	Built-in PubMed Journal subsets that limit r	etrieval to journal sets:		
Journal Subsets	jsubsetAIM – Abridged Index Medicus (Core clinical journals)	jsubsetN – Nursing journals		
	jsubsetD – Dentistry journals	jsubsetQ – History of medicine		
	jsubsetE – Bioethics journal or citations	jsubsetQIS – non-Index Medicus journals in history of medicine field		
	jsubsetH – Health administration journals	jsubsetS – Space life sciences journals or citations		
	jsubsetIM – Index Medicus journals	jsubsetT – HTA journals		
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