



Setting Up Filters In PubMed: My NCBI

Sign in or Register

Connect to <http://www.mcilibrary.duke.edu/pubmed>. In the upper right corner of the screen, click on **My NCBI**. If you have a My NCBI account, you can sign in using your username and password. New users may register by clicking on **Register for an account**.

Filters

Filters allow you to group your search results by specific criteria, such as systematic reviews, clinical queries, or age groups. They appear at the top of the column to the right of your results. Clicking on a filter will display results limited by the selected filter. Currently, the default filters for the Duke community are *Review*, *dukemlib* (Duke holdings), and *Systematic Reviews*. When you sign in, your preferences will override these defaults.

To Add a Filter from the Results Page

1. Click on **Manage Filters** at the bottom of the **Filter your results** box to the right of your results. Sign in, if you are not already.
2. You can select from the list of **Frequently Requested Filters**, **Browse** or **Search** to view other filters, or create **Custom Filters**.
3. Check the filter you would like to add.
4. To go back to your results, click on **PubMed** in the blue bar at the top of the page, then choose **Advanced Search** to access your search history.

Examples of Useful Filters

These filters can make your PubMed searches faster and more efficient. To apply a filter, simply search for the filter name and then place a checkmark next to it.

- **Duke Medical Center Library** limits searches to articles that the Duke Medical Library has access to in electronic or print format.
- **Clinical Queries** limits searches using the Clinical Query filter for selected question types, such as **Therapy/Narrow**. Learn more about clinical queries at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/corehtml/query/static/clinicaltable.html>.
NOTE: Searching for *Clinical Queries* will show you the full list of available Clinical Query filters. Therapy/Narrow is recommended, as it filters your search results to look for randomized controlled trials. Other queries are also available.
- **Age Groups** limits searches to articles indexed to specific age groups, such as children or the aged.
- **Nursing Journals** limits searches to articles in nursing journals.
- **Core Clinical Journals** limits searches to approximately 120 major journals, such as *JAMA* and *NEJM*.

Create Your Own Custom Filters

Want to filter results to a group of journals or a specific search strategy? Custom filters allow you to create and save filters based on search strategies, such as a set of journals or a group of drugs.

Tips:

- First run a search that captures your custom filter strategy in PubMed, then copy the strategy from the Search Details box on your search results and paste it into the custom filter area in My NCBI.
- For help creating or troubleshooting custom filters, please contact a reference librarian via the **Ask a Librarian** page at <http://www.mcilibrary.duke.edu/services/reform.html> or at any of the contact methods below.

