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PubMed: Quick Reference Card

<http://www.mclibrary.duke.edu/pubmed/>

Basic Searching - Enter one or more words into the query box and press *Enter* or the *Go* button

- Search terms can be single words or phrases
- PubMed will automatically search for terms as both *MeSH (Medical Subject Headings)* and as text words (words in title and/or abstract)
- MeSH terms are automatically exploded to include more specific terms
- Search terms may be combined with **AND, OR, or NOT** in UPPER CASE. If no combining word (operator) is used, terms will be combined with AND

Click on these options below the query box:

Limits - Restricts the results of a search to certain attributes, such as specific age groups or publication types

- Add author(s) or journal(s) to your search
- To turn off limits - remove the checkmark from the box beside the *Limits* button

Details - Displays how PubMed interprets your terms (i.e., mapping to MeSH, etc.)

History - Displays a record of search sets

- Search sets can be modified or combined; set numbers must be preceded by the pound (#) sign, e.g., #3
- History is erased after 8 hours of inactivity

Clipboard - Store selected citations for viewing, printing, saving, or e-mailing

- Check the box beside a citation to select it and choose *Clipboard* from the [Send to] drop-down menu
- Clipboard items are erased after 8 hours of inactivity

Display - Change the format to see additional details about a citation

- Select *Brief, Abstract, Citation, or MEDLINE* from the Display [Summary] drop-down menu

Emailing Citations

- To email all citations - Change the [Show] drop-down menu so that the number exceeds the number of citations retrieved, then select *E-mail* from the [Send to] drop-down menu
- To email selected citations - Check the box beside each citation, then select *E-mail* from the [Send to] drop-down menu

Full-text Articles

- **DUMCL Online** icon - Available electronically from the Medical Center Library; click for the full-text article
- **DUMCL Stacks** icon - Available in the stacks at the Medical Center Library
- **Get it @ Duke** icon - Click to determine additional availability at Duke or to order via Interlibrary Loan

Available options under PubMed Services

MeSH Database - Enter one or more words into the query box and press *Enter* or the *Go* button

- Identify and select MeSH terms
- Find additional information about a MeSH term, such as definition, available subheadings, and broader and narrower related terms

Single Citation Matcher - Enter known information about a citation in two or more fields

- Helps to identify or verify references

Clinical Queries (EBM filters) - Research methodology filters designed to retrieve quality studies

- Select filter and then enter search terms or search set numbers (e.g., #3) in query box

My NCBI - Use to save searches, set up table of contents or topic alerts via email, choose filters, and save citations to "My Collections"

- Requires registration

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