

PubMed Search Hints

What is PubMed?

- Free resource from the National Library of Medicine.
- Provides citations of biomedical literature from the MEDLINE database, life science journals, and online books.
- Comprised of more than 30 million citations.
- Publications covered are mainly scholarly journals.
- Provides links to full-text including links to Logan's holdings.

Access PubMed through the Logan website at www.logan.edu.

Click on **Students and Faculty** then on **Learning Resources Center**.

Select **Databases** from the Important Links. Remember to access PubMed through the Logan website to obtain Logan's links to full-text.

Check the Logan University Full Text link to find out if Logan has full text or to order by interlibrary loan.



Peer Reviewed

Information found in PubMed that indicates it is "indexed by MEDLINE" is considered peer reviewed. Other citations that do not specify "indexed by MEDLINE" may be peer reviewed. For these other citations, look up the journal title in the NCBI Journals Database, click on the journal title, find a publisher's website link and go to that website. Look for something on the page that gives details about the journal and then read through it to find if the journal goes through a peer review process.

Limits

Use the Limits feature to refine your search.

Date: Last 30 days, 1 Year, 5 Years, etc.

Type of Article: Clinical Trial, Review, Case Report, etc.

Languages: English or your preferred.

Age: Child, Adult, Aged, etc.

Text: Free full text

CLIPBOARD

Check the boxes of the items you want and then click on **Send To: Clipboard**.

When you are finished looking through your search, click on Clipboard to see all the items you chose.



Filters

Use filters to narrow your search. Simply type the filter after the search term(s) in the PubMed search box.

[filter] - Use with Logan's code, **lprovmoclcclib**, to limit to journals in Logan's collection.

AND lprovmoclcclib [filter]

Example: To search whiplash articles at Logan, enter into the search box:

whiplash AND lprovmoclcclib [filter]

[mh] or [MeSH] - Medical subject heading - limits search to the subject field, for recognized subject headings. Use the MeSH browser to look up appropriate subject headings.

Example: To search back pain as a subject heading, enter into the search box:

back pain [mh]

[la] - Language - limits search to a certain language.

Example: To search only English articles on back pain, enter into the search box:

back pain [mh] AND english [la]

[au] - Author - search for a specific author.

Example: To search for the author *Norman Kettner*, use last name and first initial.

Kettner N [au]

[ta] or [jour] - Journal Title - search within a specific journal.

Example: To search for articles on whiplash in the journal entitled *Spine Journal*, enter into the search box:

Spine Journal [ta] AND whiplash [mh]

For a complete list of search field descriptions and tags, visit the PubMed FAQ.

Ask a Librarian

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MyNCBI

Create a MyNCBI account to save searches, collections, and filters.

Click MyNCBI at the top right corner in PubMed.

While signed in, you can:

Save a search to run automatically

Create custom filters.

Save search results as a collection.