

## Searching PubMed for reliable clinical information

At the VIHA Library Website: <http://www.viha.ca/library>, click the DATABASES button on the left hand navigation bar.

Search MEDLINE using the PUBMED search interface.

### PubMed searching tips:

Enclose **phrases in quotation marks**, for example, “cardiac arrest”

**Truncate** (shorten) a word to get a all possible endings, by adding an **asterisk \***, for example, hypertens\* will retrieve hypertension and hypertensive

**Capitalize** Boolean operators: **AND , OR, NOT**, for example, hypertension AND diet

Click PubMed Tutorials on the main PubMed page and take some of the **Quick Tours**

### If your search retrieves too many results:

Click the LIMITS link just below the search box to limit your search by:

- Publication date
- English language
- Humans
- Age / Gender and more

### To find more articles:

Once you find one or a few articles you like:

click on RELATED ARTICLES or

DISPLAY the articles you like in ABSTRACT format. Click the plus sign + beside the link: **+ Publication Types, MeSH Terms, Substances** and look at the Mesh (indexing) terms.

Re-run your search using some of these terms.

## Save search results

With search results displayed in PubMed, you can pull down the SEND TO menu, and send selected (checked off) results to the Clipboard ( which will save your results for 8 hours on the same computer); email the search results to yourself or someone else; or send the results to a 'collection'.

## Set up your own personalized PubMed workspace


A 'My NCBI' account will allow you to save search results or 'collections' and search strategies until you delete them. To register for an account, click the **My NCBI Sign In** link, located at the top right of the PubMed page header, then click **register for an account**.

## Options for getting fulltext of the articles:

DISPLAY your results in ABSTRACT format to view any icons linking to fulltext, for example:



Click the JOURNALS button on the navigation bar of the Library Website. Then click the link **Find a fulltext electronic journal** Type the journal name to see if it's available fulltext electronically.

This icon  means that VIHA Library subscribes to the journal. You can check the Library online CATALOGUE to see at which site the journal is located, or request a copy from Library Services.

Contact Library Services to request the article(s).

## Select and search additional relevant databases such as:

- \* UpToDate
- \* Drug databases
- \* CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature)

## Contact Library Services for further assistance:

RJH (250) 370-8723 or, internally, extension 18723

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