

New Pubmed

Top tips to make your search of new Pubmed more efficient.

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Stop! Are you about to begin a systematic review? We strongly recommend against using Pubmed for systematic reviews. Contact the library training team for advice about better alternatives – librarytraining@medschl.cam.ac.uk

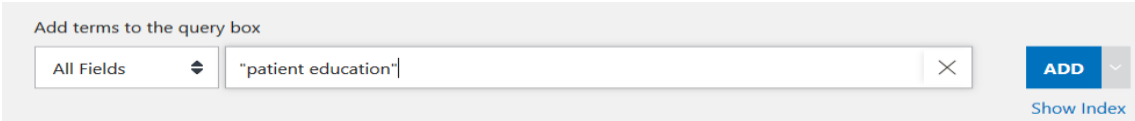
1 How to access the database

The best way to access all databases is to go via the Medical Library website: <https://library.medschl.cam.ac.uk/research-support/databases/> and then select what you want.

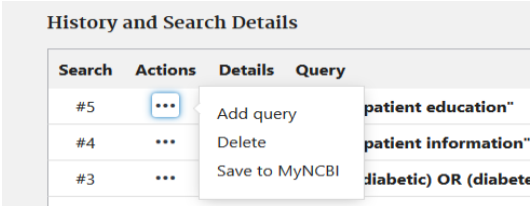
Alternatively, tinyurl.com/campubmed is a direct link to the Cambridge-filtered version of Pubmed. This version will maximise your full text access.

2 Advanced search – building your search strategy

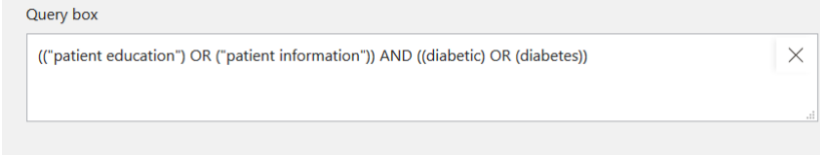
Select the advanced search option. You will then be able to build your search. Combine your search terms with AND, OR, and NOT for the most efficient and comprehensive search.



Hint: Your search will be more accurate if you add individual search terms to history first, and combine them at the end. You can use the ellipsis under the Actions option to add search terms back into the query box.



Search	Actions	Details	Query
#5	...	Add query	"patient education"
#4	...	Delete	"patient information"
#3	...	Save to MyNCBI	(diabetic) OR (diabetes)

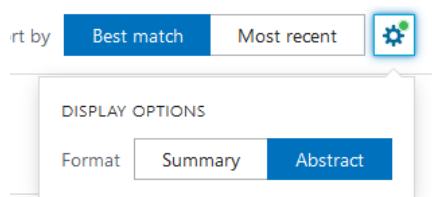


3 Filters – how to narrow down your search

Too many search results? Use the filters on the results page to narrow things down. You will find them in the left-hand sidebar of the results page.

4 Accessing full text

Make sure you've set Pubmed to display the abstract of each result. You can do this by clicking the Settings button in the right-hand corner above the results, and selecting Abstract in the Display Options.



This will also display the DOI, as well as direct links to publisher websites, and a button called Online Full-text, which will check University of Cambridge subscriptions for free full text access.

FULL-TEXT LINKS



If you are not using the Cambridge-filtered version of Pubmed we recommend using a browser extension such as [Lean Library](#), [Kopernio](#), [Unpaywall](#), or [Core Discovery](#).

5 Saving your search history

You can save your search terms by clicking the ellipsis under the Actions option (on the Advanced Search page) and selecting Save to MyNCBI. You will need to create a login for Pubmed to do so.

6 Saving your search results

You have the option to email results to yourself, or save them in multiple file types. Simply click the Save or Email options above the list of search results. RIS is compatible with all reference management software.

Save • Email • ... So

Save citations to file

Selection: All results on this page

Format: RIS

Create file Cancel

7 Extra features

The Cite/Share buttons under each search result will allow you to generate a citation in a variety of citation styles, or share a link to the article on social media.

“ Cite Share

CITE

Pines A. Patient information leaflets:
friend or foe?. Climacteric.
2015;18(5):663–665.
doi:10.3109/13697137.2015.1007697

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“ Cite Share

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https://pubmed.ncbi. 

8 More help and support

There are [tutorial videos available on YouTube](#).

Pubmed's [user guide](#) may also be helpful.

Or contact the Medical Library training team.

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