MEDLINE is a database that provides bibliographic citations and abstracts for articles from more than 5,000 health sciences journals. MEDLINE indexes journals published in the United States and more than 70 other countries, and includes citations from the 1940s to the present, with older materials being added gradually.

PubMed provides access to the contents of MEDLINE and to information from additional journals.

Access PubMed
1. Mount Sinai faculty, students, and staff can access PubMed via the Levy Library homepage at http://www.mssm.edu/library.
   Note: You must access PubMed through the Levy Library web site to use the full-text buttons for accessing the full text of thousands of journal articles. PubMed is also available free on the internet at http://www.pubmed.gov.
2. On the Levy Library homepage, look under Key Resources to find the link to PubMed.

Search PubMed
1. Enter your search terms in the Query Box, shown in the screen shot below.
2. Then click on the Search button to the right of the Query Box, or press Enter on your keyboard.
3. Combine search terms with the Boolean operators AND, OR, NOT. Type these in upper case.

Advanced Search
Click the Advanced Search link to see more options for precise and powerful searching:
- Use the Search Builder to search for specific authors (including first or last author), journals, etc.
- Use the History tool to see a list of your previous searches and rerun or combine them.
Citations saved on the Clipboard are lost after eight hours of inactivity on PubMed.

Filters
Use the Filters on the left side of the interface to limit your search to a specific date range, select the language and type of article, as well as age and gender of the article’s subjects.

Note: It is NOT recommended to limit your search to full text articles. This will eliminate many articles that are available from the Levy Library.
Working with Search Results

**Display Settings:** PubMed automatically displays your search results in Summary format, with 20 citations on a page. The Summary format does not include abstracts or full-text buttons.

- To display abstracts (and full-text buttons) when available:
  - Click on the **Display Settings** link and change Summary to Abstract.
  - If you do not select any citations by clicking in the checkboxes to the left of the article titles, all the citations will be displayed in the selected format.
- To view one citation in Abstract format just click on the article title.

**Send to:** Click on the **Send to** menu for options for saving or emailing your search results.

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**The Clipboard**

The Clipboard temporarily saves citations from one search or several searches in one place. To send search results to the Clipboard, click on the check boxes to the left of the citations and then select Clipboard from the **Send to** link.

- If you do not check off citations, PubMed will place your entire search on the Clipboard.
- Citations saved on the Clipboard are lost after eight hours of inactivity on PubMed.
- To open the Clipboard, click on the Clipboard link (found on the upper right). You can reformat citations, link to full-text and print, save, or email search results from the Clipboard.

**To e-mail search results:** Select citations and then click **E-mail** on the **Send to** link.

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**Getting to Full-Text**

When viewing citations in Abstract View, you will see one or two buttons:

- **MSSM LinkOut** button: Click the MSSM LinkOut button to connect directly to a full-text copy of the article.
- **FIND IT** button: Click this button to search for full-text, search for print journal holdings, or request the article through Interlibrary loan.

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