

PubMed (MEDLINE)

PubMed is a web-based retrieval system that includes over 30 million records from the biomedical literature including MEDLINE, life science journals, and the full-text of online books.

Accessing PubMed (MEDLINE)

Access PubMed from the library's website at <https://library.oakland.edu> -> Databases -> P for PubMed (MEDLINE) or from your library course page.

Searching PubMed

The following strategies can help focus your PubMed searches and retrieve the greatest number of relevant results.

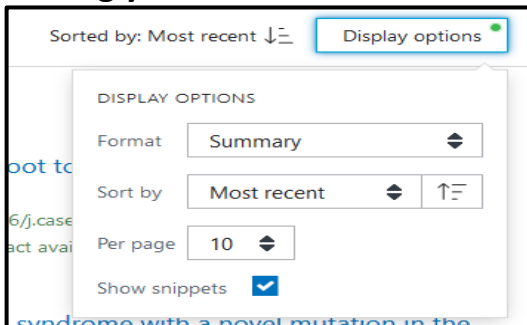
Strategy	Tips		
Search Terms	Enter one search term or multiple search terms into the search box, including research topics, author name (last name followed by initial), and/or a journal title. To search for terms only in the title of an article, use [ti] following the term, eg: chimpanzee[ti]		
Boolean Operators	AND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use to search for ALL terms within resources ○ AND is the default between terms if you do not specify an operator 	<p><i>Example: "Journal of Zoology" AND chimpanzee</i></p> <p><i>Author Example: smith r AND chimpanzee</i></p>
	OR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use to search for ANY of the terms within resources, including articles that contain one or both terms 	<p><i>Example: chimpanzee OR "pan troglodytes"</i></p>
	NOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use to eliminate one or more terms from your search 	<p><i>Example: chimpanzee NOT (gorilla OR orangutan)</i></p>
Phrase Searching	To search a phrase, enclose the phrase in quotation marks for an exact match, eg: "evolutionary biology"		
Truncation (*)	Add an asterisk at the end of a search term for truncation, eg: genom* and results will include genome, genomes, genomics, etc.		

Limits in PubMed

PubMed allows you to narrow your search even further by using limits or filters, such as language, publication year, and publication type. These are located on the left hand side of your search results. Click **Additional Filters** to access more and **Clear All** to remove all limits from your search.



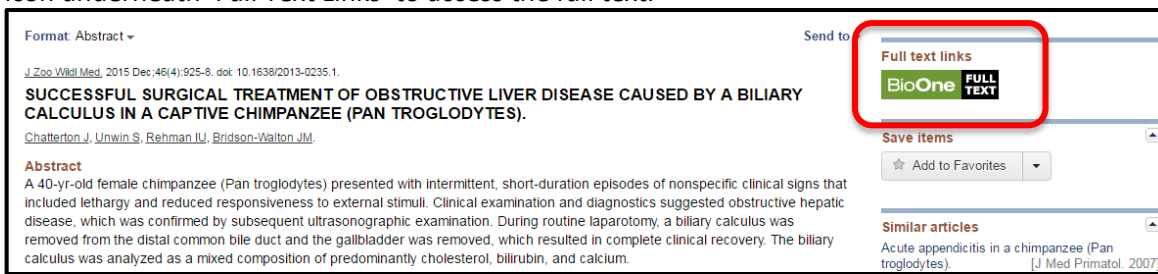
Sorting your Search Results



The default setting is **Sorted by: Best Match**. You can change this feature by clicking on **Display Options** to select *Most recent* or other options.

Accessing the Full Text of an Article*

Click on the publication title to view its summary, including its abstract, keywords and similar articles. Click the icon underneath 'Full Text Links' to access the full text.



*If the full text of the article isn't available online, you can submit an interlibrary loan request (library.oakland.edu/services/materials/ill/index.html). We will find the article at another library and notify you via email when it's available for you.

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