Setting Up Filters In PubMed: My NCBI

Sign in or Register
Connect to http://www.mclibrary.duke.edu/pubmed. In the upper right corner of the screen, click on My NCBI. If you have a My NCBI account, you can sign in using your username and password. New users may register by clicking on Register for an account.

Filters
Filters allow you to group your search results by specific criteria, such as publication type or age groups. They appear at the top of the column to the right of your results. Clicking on a filter will display results limited by the selected filter.

Duke defaults: The Duke version of PubMed features: Duke Medical Center Library (most but not all of Duke holdings), Core Clinical Journals, Nursing Journals, Review articles, Systematic Reviews, ACP Journal Club and filters for the clinical queries, which limit to the best study type depending on the type of question being asked: Therapy/RCT, Diagnosis, Prognosis, Cohort Studies and Etiology/Harm. Note: When you sign in, your preferences will override these defaults.

To Add a Filter from the Results Page
1. Click on Manage Filters at the bottom of the Filter your results box to the right of your results and sign in.
2. You can select from the lists of Popular, LinkOut, Properties, Links, or Search to find filters.
3. Check the filter you would like to add.
4. To go back to your results, click on PubMed under Popular at the bottom of the page, then choose Advanced Search to access your search history.

Examples of Useful Filters
These filters can make your PubMed searches faster and more efficient. To apply a filter, simply search for the filter name and then place a checkmark next to it.

- Duke Medical Center Library limits searches to articles that the Duke Medical Library has access to in electronic or print format. We have access to additional articles than what appear with this filter, so be sure to check the “All” list in your results and follow Get it @ Duke links to see if we have a particular citation.
- Clinical Queries limits searches using the Clinical Query filter for selected question types, such as Therapy/Narrow. Learn more about clinical queries at http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK3827/#pubmedhelp.Clinical_Queries_Filters. NOTE: Clinical queries are listed under Properties. Therapy/Narrow is recommended, as it filters your search results to look for randomized controlled trials. Other queries are also available.
- Age Groups limits searches to articles indexed to specific age groups, such as children or the aged.
- Nursing Journals limits searches to articles in nursing journals.
- Core Clinical Journals limits searches to approximately 120 major journals, such as JAMA and NEJM.

Create Your Own Custom Filters
Want to filter results to a group of journals or a specific search strategy? Custom filters allow you to create and save filters based on search strategies, such as a set of journals or a group of drugs.

Tips:
- First run a search that captures your custom filter strategy in PubMed, then copy the strategy from the Search Details box on your search results and paste it into the custom filter area in My NCBI.
- For help creating or troubleshooting custom filters, please contact a reference librarian via the Ask a Librarian page at http://mclibrary.duke.edu/about/ask-librarian or at any of the contact methods below.