

# Setting Up Filters In PubMed: My NCBI

## Log In or Register

Connect to <https://mclibrary.duke.edu/pubmed>. In the upper right corner of the screen, click on **Log in**. If you have an NCBI Account, you can sign in using your username and password. New users may register by clicking on “**New here? Sign up**” (near the bottom of the screen) and then **Create new NCBI Account**.

## Filters

Filters allow you to group your search results by specific criteria, such as article type or age groups. They appear in the column to the left of your results. Clicking on a filter will display results limited by the selected filter. The maximum number of filters allowed in PubMed is 15.

The Duke version of PubMed features the default filters: *Core Clinical Journals, Nursing Journals, Review articles, Systematic Reviews, ACP Journal Club, Indexed in MEDLINE, and Duke Authors*. Also included are filters for the clinical queries, which limit to the best study type depending on the type of question being asked: *Diagnosis, Prognosis, Etiology/Harm, Therapy/RCT, and Cohort Studies*. Note: When you log in, your preferences will override these defaults.

## To Add a Filter from the Results Page

1. Click on the *Manage My NCBI Filters* icon (  ) next to **My NCBI Filters** at the top of the left hand column above the list of filters.
2. You can browse and select filters from four categories (on right): **Popular, LinkOut, Properties, and Links, or Search** to find filters. The filters will change as categories are browsed.
3. Check the box next to the filter(s) you would like to add to the list (on left) or you may add an entire category or subcategory.
4. To go back to your results, click on **PubMed** under **POPULAR** at the bottom of the page, then choose **Advanced** on the left under the search box to access your search history.

## Examples of Useful Filters

The following filters can make your PubMed searches faster and more efficient. To apply a filter, simply search for the filter name under the **Properties category** and then place a checkmark next to it.

- **Clinical Queries** limits searches for selected question types, such as **Therapy/Narrow** which filters search results to look for randomized controlled trials. Learn more about clinical queries at <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/help/#clinical-queries>.
- **Nursing Journals** limits searches to articles in nursing journals.
- **Core Clinical Journals** limits searches to approximately 120 major, older journals such as *JAMA* and *NEJM*.

For help creating or troubleshooting custom filters, please contact us via [Ask a Librarian](#).