PubMed Basics

Contents, Connecting, & Help
PubMed Information

• Bibliographic Database
  – Contains Citations & Abstracts only
  – Links to full text for some articles

• Includes only journal articles
  – Biomedical Journals
    • Health economics & policy
    • Pharmacy & pharmacology
    • Alternative Medicine
• Includes non-English language articles
• Uses a thesaurus
  – MeSH
    • Medical Subject Headings
• AND, OR, NOT
  – All CAPS
• Must have cookies enabled
• Links to full text articles
  – PubMed Central
    • Anyone – anywhere
  – Health Science Center Library subscriptions
    • UF affiliates only
    • Off campus - EzProxy or VPN
    • Must connect to PubMed through our database page
Contents

• MEDLINE 1949- current
  – includes abstracts written by article’s author
    • 1975-
      – Uses MeSH Subject headings

• PreMEDLINE
  – More current than Medline
  – No MeSH Headings
  – [ MEDLINE record in process]
Contents con’t

• Publisher Supplied
  – Most current
    • May precede publication
  – No MeSH Headings
  – Have notation
    • [record supplied by publisher]

• OldMedline
  – Pre 1966
    • No MeSH headings
  – Text word searching only
Getting to PubMed

• Pubmed.gov
  • Anyone – anywhere in the world

• UF Students and Faculty
  – Via Library homepage
    • Databases Quick Links
      – HSC Library Holding Buttons/Links
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Connecting to PubMed: Step 1

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Connecting to PubMed: Step 2

Click on the PubMed button in the Quick Picks to connect to PubMed.
PubMed Help

• National Library of Medicine
    • Short narrated Flash tutorials
    • Help sheets
    • Links to detailed manuals and help
Self Assessment

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