



PubMed User Guide

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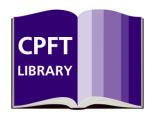
Introduction

PubMed is a free search engine, with more than 30 million citations for biomedical literature, from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books.

To Access

To access PubMed, you can visit **CPFT Academy** web pages, go to **'Libraries'** and then **'Search Engines and Databases'**, where you will find a link.

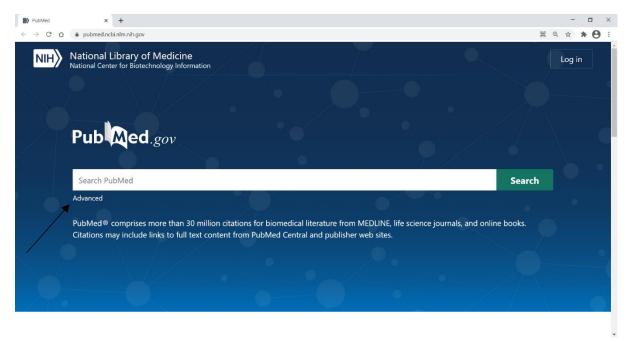
You can also click on the link here There is no need to log in.



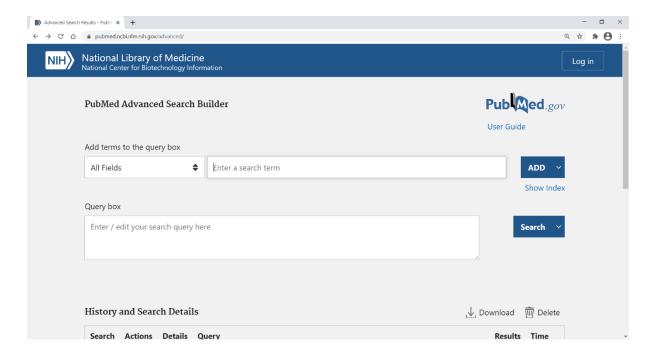


Interface, Search and Build

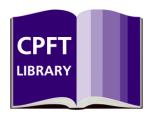
Once on the main interface, click on 'Advanced'.



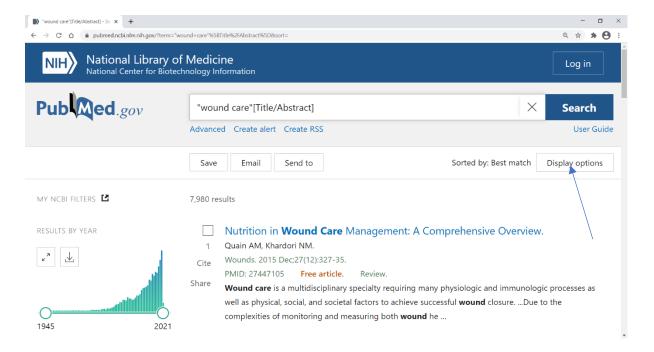
You will now see the 'advanced search builder' interface.



Start by changing the 'All Fields' drop-down menu to 'Title/Abstract'. This will search your keywords across both the title and abstract. Enter a keyword and click Search. Your results will be displayed. See overleaf.







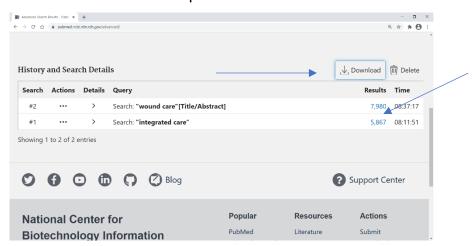
The results are sorted by 'Best match' as default i.e. most relevant, but you can change this to 'most recent' for example, under 'display options'.

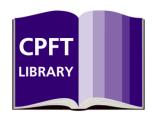
Filters (Limits)

You can make the search more specific, by selecting filters (also known as limits) such as date range or article type, via the left-hand sidebar.

Saving your Search

You can download your 'search history' via the Advanced Search Builder interface, in the format of an Excel spreadsheet.







Accessing the full-text (if available)

To see if the text is freely available, select 'abstract' on the left-hand sidebar under 'text availability'. This will highlight which articles are free. If available, click on the title of the article, and find the link to the full-text, top-right of the article itself.

Exporting results

To save individual articles/papers and export your results, return back to your set of displayed results, check the boxes of the articles you want to save and click Save and 'Create file'. This will save your citations into Notepad. Alternatively, you could email your results as well.

More Help and Support

You can get more detailed help from PubMed's own user guide here

Or you can book onto a training session with CPFT Library via CPFT Academy here

Or email us fulbourn.library@cpft.nhs.uk