MEDLINE via PubMed

ACCESSING THE DATABASE

1. Go to the Laupus Library homepage at http://www.ecu.edu/laupuslibrary/
2. Under Electronic Resources click on the link for “PubMed MEDLINE”
   
   NOTE: If you are off-campus, you will need to enter your PIRATE ID and password

SEARCHING VIA KEYWORD

1. Break your search down into simple concepts. For instance, a search on the effects of aspirin on hypertension has two concepts. **Aspirin** is one and **hypertension** is the second.
2. Enter the most important terms into the search box and click the “Search” button

SEARCHING VIA MeSH (Medical Subject Headings)

1. Break your search into concepts (or subjects). For instance, a search on the effects of aspirin on hypertension has two concepts:
   a. **Aspirin**
   b. **Hypertension**
2. Change the drop down menu to MeSH and enter ONE subject (concept) into the search box.
3. Once you click the “Search” button, you will be given a list of MeSH terms.
   a. Use the descriptions beneath each term to determine which is most appropriate and then click on the link for your chosen term.
4. This will take you to a list of subheadings. Check the box to the left of the subheadings that are most useful to your search (if any) to add them to your search.
5. Once you are ready to search, look to your right to find the PubMed search building.
6. Click on Add to Search Builder to enter your first MeSH term into the search builder.
7. Repeat this process to select additional MeSH terms to add to your search
8. Once you have added all of your MeSH terms, click on Search PubMed
FILTERING (limiting) SEARCH RESULTS

1. You have options for filtering (or limiting) your search results to certain age groups, languages, publication types, etc
2. To filter (limit) a search, look for the filters menu on the left side of your results screen
3. Click on the filter(s) you want to use, such as **Human** or **Clinical Trial**
   a. As you select filters, PubMed will automatically apply them to your search
4. Click on **Show Additional Filters** to access additional filter (limit) options such as:
   a. Languages
   b. Sex
   c. Ages
   d. Etc
5. To clear your filter(s) click on the words **Clear all**

MANAGING RESULTS

1. You can check the boxes to the left of citations to email them or print out a bibliography for later use.
2. Check the box next to all of the citations you are interested and go to the top right of the screen, just under the search box, and click on the **Send to** link
   a. To email the citations: click on the email option
   b. To print a bibliography of those citations for later use: click the **Clipboard** option. Once you’ve added citations to the clipboard, click the link for **Clipboard** near the top right of the screen and all of the items you’ve selected will display in a simplified view for printing.

FINDING FULL TEXT

1. Click on the title of an article to see more information including abstracts (when available), MeSH terms and publication types, and options for full text access
2. To see if full text is available, use the **Find It!** button

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