Creating a Web Link to PubMed

This user guide provides instructions on creating a link or bookmark to PubMed.

Users intending to send frequent queries or retrieve large numbers of records from the NCBI databases should use **E-Utilities**. Users must comply with the **usage guidelines and requirements** to prevent overloading NCBI systems.

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**PubMed**

- Retrieve PubMed citations in HTML or Text format using PubMed IDs (PMID)
- Search PubMed with terms
- PubMed Link to related records
- PubMed Feature Pages

NLM currently leases PubMed journal citations, at no charge.

**Retrieve PubMed Citations**

Base URL: `http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed`

To retrieve results in **HTML** or **text format** use PubMed Unique Identifiers (PMID).

- Retrieval parameters:
  - `report=` display format (DocSum (default display, except for a single citation), Abstract, MEDLINE, XML)
  - `format=` text (HTML is the default format.)
  - `tool=` resource
  - `email=` address

**Example:**

Retrieve by PMID in displayed by abstract:


Retrieve by PMID in displayed by MEDLINE text format:


**Search PubMed**

Use search to create a web link for terms with or without Boolean operators. “Escape” spaces by converting them to plus signs (+), e.g., Biochem Soc Trans should be entered as: Biochem+Soc+Trans.

- Search parameters:
  - `term=` search terms (PubMed Help)
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- **report**=display format (DocSum (default display, except for a single citation), abstract, MEDLINE, XML
- **dispmax**=number of citations to display if other than 20
- **tool**=resource
- **email**=address

**Example:**

PubMed antioxidant chocolate citations


- activating filters (**PubMed Help**):
  - **cmd_current**=Limits
  - **pmfilter_filter name** = filter value
- turning off filters
  - **pubmedfilters**=true

**Examples:**

**PubMed:**

PubMed hay fever citations published in 2006, display the first 50:

PubMed citations on AZT filtered to the AIDS subset:
term=azt&cmd_current=Limits&pmfilter_Subsets=AIDS

To turn off PubMed filters and search for hay fever displayed in the abstract format:
+fever&pubmedfilters=true&report=abstract

**Link**

Display the related records or NCBI database links for records using unique identifiers (UIDs), you may not use accession numbers.

**Base URL:** http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?

- link parameters:
  - **dbFrom**=database searched (URL parameter is case sensitive)
  - **db**=database to retrieve links
  - **from_uid**=id
  - **tool**=resource
  - **email**=address

**Examples:**

Related article citations for PubMed PMID 10495220:
cmd=link&db=pubmed&dbFrom=pubmed&from_uid=10495220
Nucleotide links from PubMed PMID 10492167:
cmd=link&db=nucleotide&dbFrom=pubmed&from_uid=10492167

PubMed links from Nucleotide GI 47717105:
cmd=link&db=pubmed&dbFrom=nucleotide&from_uid=47717105

**Tool**

A string with no internal spaces that identifies the resource that is using the database links. This argument is used to help NCBI provide better service to third parties generating NCBI database queries from programs. As with any query system, it is sometimes possible to ask the same question different ways, with different effects on performance. NCBI requests that developers sending batch requests include a constant 'tool' argument for all requests using the utilities.

**Example:** tool=resource

**Email Address**

If you choose to provide an email address we will use it to contact you if there are problems with your queries.

**Example:** email=name@institution.org

In addition, NCBI posts general announcements regarding the E-utilities to the utilities announcement mailing list. This mailing list is an announcement list only; individual subscribers may not send mail to the list. The list of subscribers is private and is not shared or used in any other way except for providing announcements to list members. The list receives about one posting per month. Please subscribe at the above link.

**PubMed Feature Pages**

- Advanced: /advanced
- Clipboard: /clipboard
- Details: /details
- Clinical Queries: /clinical

To preset the PubMed **Clinical Queries** Medical Genetics or Clinical Study Categories use the following URL parameters:

**Clinical Study Categories**

- **clincat**=category,scope
  
  category= etiology, diagnosis, therapy, prognosis, clinical prediction guides
  
  scope = broad, narrow

**Medical Genetics**

- **medgen**=topic
  
  topic=diagnosis, differential diagnosis, clinical description, management, genetic counseling, molecular genetics, genetic testing

**Examples:**
Search cancer for the clinical study category of prognosis/narrow and the medical genetics topic of differential diagnosis:


Search cystic fibrosis for the medical genetics topic of genetic counseling:


**Other NCBI Databases**

Documentation for other NCBI databases is available in the Entrez Help.