

## Accessing the Database

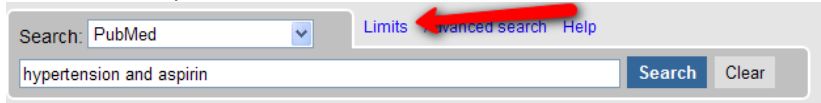
1. Go to the Laupus Library homepage at <http://www.ecu.edu/laupuslibrary/>.
2. Click on “Medline via PubMed” located under the heading “Electronic Resources”  
*NOTE: If you are off-campus, you will need to enter your pirate id (your ECU email username) and password (same as your email password) before you can access Medline via PubMed.*

## Searching via Keywords

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

## Limiting Search Results

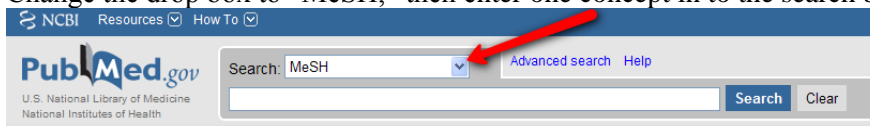
1. You have options for limiting your search results to certain age groups, languages, publication types, etc. To limit a search result, click on the “Limit” link above the search box at the top of the screen.



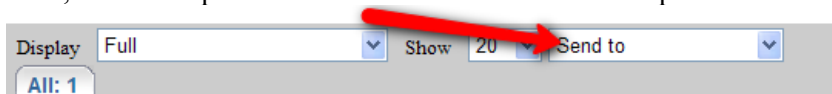
2. Your limit options will be located near the center of the page. Select the appropriate limits. Keep in mind that the more limits you select, the fewer articles you will retrieve.
3. Finally, click the “Search” button located beneath the limits you’ve chosen.

## Searching via MeSH

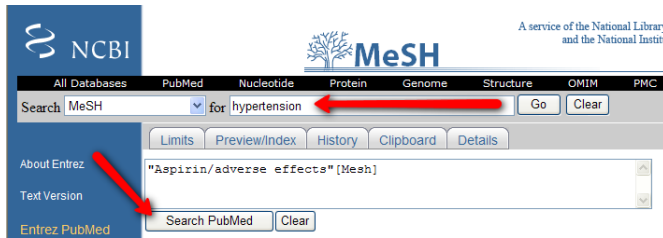
1. Break your search into concepts. For instance, a search on the effects of aspirin on hypertension has two concepts. “Aspirin” is one and “hypertension” is the other.
2. Change the drop box to “MeSH,” then enter one concept in to the search box at a time.



3. You will be given a list of MeSH terms. Use the descriptions beneath the terms to determine which is most appropriate and then click on the link for your chosen term.
4. You should now see a list of subheadings. Check the box to the left of the subheadings that are most useful to your search. If you are NOT selecting subheadings, check the box to the left of the term.
5. Now, near the top of the screen select the “Send to” drop box and choose “Search Box with And”



6. A search box with the proper code will appear on the page. If you have another term to search, enter it in the search box at the top of the page and repeat steps 3-5. When you get to step 5, select the appropriate way to send your term to the search box. If you have completed your search simply click the “Search” button beneath the new search box.



7. If you have too many results, or you need articles from specific date ranges, publication types, etc. See the above section **Limiting Search Results**.

## Managing Results

1. You can check the boxes to the left of citations and then email or print them out for later use. Once you have checked all the citations you are interested in go to the top right of the screen and click on the “Send to” link.
  - a. To email: simply click the “email” option.
  - b. To print: click the “Clipboard” option. Then, click the link for “Clipboard” near the top right of the screen. All the items you’ve selected will display for printing.

## Finding Full Text

1. Click the title of an article to see more information, including options for full text access, abstracts (when available), and MeSH terms.
2. To see if full text is available, use the FindIt! Button **Find It!**. (It is generally located near the top right of the screen).