**MedlinePlus® vs. PubMed®**

*Helping Consumers To Professionals With Good Health Information*

(Your health wins!)

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**Objectives**

- Learn how to access MedlinePlus and PubMed
- Learn to differentiate between the primary uses for MedlinePlus and PubMed
- Learn basic navigation of MedlinePlus and PubMed, including their components
- Know whom to contact with questions about these and other NLM/NIH resources

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Greater Midwest Region

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An Overview
MEDLINEPLUS AND MEDLINE/PUBMED

National Library of Medicine (NLM)

https://www.nlm.nih.gov/

MedlinePlus: medlineplus.gov

- For patients, families and other consumers
- Spanish language version: MedlinePlus en español
- Over 1000 (!) health topics
- Provides access to medical information via:
  - The A.D.A.M. Medical Encyclopedia
  - The Merriam-Webster Medical Dictionary
  - Information on prescription drugs and over-the-counter medicines, and dietary supplements and herbal remedies
- Contains links to pre-formulated searches of the MEDLINE/PubMed database
MEDLINE/PubMed: PubMed.gov

- A database of professional biomedical literature
- A Web-based, searchable database of over 25 million article references published in more than 5600 biomedical journals
- Can be searched for free
- Includes links to some full-text journal articles via publishers' Web pages

MedlinePlus

TRUSTED HEALTH INFORMATION FOR YOU

Health Topics

Find topics A-Z
- List of All Topics
  - Categorized:
    - Body Locations/Systems
      - Skin, Heart and Circulation, Bone, Joints, Eyes and Erection, etc.
    - Disorders and Conditions
      - Cancers, Diabetes Mellitus, Infections, Mental Health and Behavior, Pregnancy and Reproduction, etc.
    - Diagnosis and Therapy
      - Diagnostic Tests, Drug Therapy, Surgery and Rehabilitation, Symptoms, etc.
    - Demographic Groups
    - Children and Teens, Men, Population Groups, Seniors, Women
    - Health and Wellness
      - Fitness and Exercise, Food and Nutrition, Health System, Sexual Health Issues, etc.
User Friendly!

And more!

Plus

- Medical Encyclopedia
- Medical Dictionary
Search: Asthma

Asthma

Asthma: Read More

https://medlineplus.gov/asthma.html
PubMed
US NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

27 June 1997!
- First released in January 1996 as an "experimental database"
- Provided full access to MEDLINE
- Vice President Al Gore officially announced free MEDLINE access via PubMed.
What is MEDLINE?
- National Library of Medicine® (NLM®) journal citation database
- Started in the 1960s
- Provides more than 22 million references to biomedical and life sciences journal articles back to 1946
- NLM controlled vocabulary, Medical Subject Headings (MeSH®)

PMC
- PubMed Central
- Launched in 2000
- Free archive for full-text biomedical and life sciences journal articles

Fact Sheet: MEDLINE, PubMed, and PMC
Filters

3352!
Text availability
Free full text
Publications dates
5 years
Ages
Child (birth–18 years)

Advanced Searching
Resources
- PubMed Basics
  - http://cech.mlanet.org/node/589
- MedlinePlus Basics
  - http://cech.mlanet.org/node/590
- Medline Plus for Health Professionals-trifold
  - http://cech.mlanet.org/node/605
- National Network of Libraries of Medicine
  - Professional Development Info
    - https://nnlm.gov/classes
- Help!
  - NN/LM GMR
    - https://nnlm.gov/gmr
    - gmr-lib@uiowa.edu
- MedlinePlus FAQs & Customer Support
- PubMed Support Center

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