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How PubMed Works: Introduction Handout

Search Examples Used in Class

    A. lazarus nejm 2019

    B. collins f

    C. acid reflux

    D. The New England journal of medicine

    E. Nosebleed

1. The   or   is the unique number for a citation. All citations in PubMed have a PMID.

2. Computed author sort helps you find articles by the same author, even if they aren't publishing under the same exact name. To use this feature, pull up any PubMed citation in   view and click on an author's name.

3.   is a machine-learning algorithm that matches your search terms to the PubMed records in your results based on the article title, subject terms and abstract.

4. Five ways to share results:

    a)

    b)

    c)

    d)

    e)

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Links shared in class

MEDLINE, PubMed, and PMC (PubMed Central): How are they different?
Best Match Algorithm
Similar Articles Algorithm
Computed Author Sort

Additional Training Resources

- The New PubMed: Trainer's Toolkit - slides and materials to repurpose for training end-users
- MEDLINE/PubMed Resources Guide - detailed information about MEDLINE data and searching PubMed

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