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Introduction

Welcome to the PubMed Tutorial. This course is designed for new and experienced users of PubMed®, the National Library of Medicine (NLM®) journal literature search system.

Goals and Objectives

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Understand PubMed's scope and content.
- Understand how the MeSH vocabulary is used to describe and retrieve citations.
- Build a search using MeSH and PubMed search tools ([Details](#), [Filters](#), [History](#), [Search Builder](#), etc.)
- Manage your results using display, sort, the Clipboard, save, print, e-mail and order features and My NCBI filters.
- Save your search strategies.
- Link to full-text articles and other resources.
- Use special queries and other PubMed/NCBI tools.



For brief tutorials on specific topics, see also the [PubMed Quick Tours](#)

This tutorial was updated in April 2013, and reflects PubMed changes through April 3, 2013. To see a list of recent PubMed changes, go to PubMed's [New/Noteworthy](#).

System Requirements

The tutorial was designed to work on Windows® Operating Systems with Microsoft Internet Explorer® version 7+ or with Firefox version 3+, and works best on Macintosh® computers using Mozilla Firefox™ or Opera™ 8+. It contains animated demonstrations of procedures, for which you will need the Adobe® Flash™ player. The Flash player can be [downloaded](#) and installed at no cost from Adobe®. You may not be able to view the animated demonstrations if you are using another browser, such as Netscape version 6 on Windows or IE on Mac. For detailed documentation of the system requirements and known incompatibilities, please see the [Tutorial FAQ](#).

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