PubMed has some built in search filters called Clinical Queries that can help you quickly identify high quality articles on your clinical and disease-related topics. This tutorial is approximately 3 minutes long.

On the Library’s homepage, there is a link to PubMed in the “Popular Resources” section on the lower left.

**Click the PubMed link below.**

PubMed has some customized search filters available on the Clinical Queries page. Under Find, **select Clinical Queries.**

The Clinical Queries page appears.

The Clinical Studies filters are specialized search filters that limit your results to articles reporting research conducted with specific methodologies, including those that report applied clinical research.

There are five filter categories available: therapy, clinical prediction guides, diagnosis, etiology, and prognosis.

Plus, there are 2 scope options available, broad or narrow, which you can use to increase or decrease the number of results. Broad (sensitive) retrieves more relevant articles and some less relevant articles. Narrow (specific) retrieves mostly relevant articles, possibly omitting a few relevant articles.

Therapy and Broad are the default options.

Selecting See filter details...

This page shows you what PubMed adds behind the scenes to your search terms.

For example, the diagnosis category with a broad scope adds search terms such as sensitivity and specificity, as well as differential diagnosis to your search terms.

Let’s look for articles on using melatonin to prevent jet lag using the treatment and broad options.

**Type melatonin AND jet lag in the search box and click the Search button.**

The search results appear.

Only the first five search results are displayed. If you wanted to see additional results, you would click See all results in PubMed to view more of the therapy clinical study category results.

Using the less restrictive (broad) scope, we retrieved 204 citations. These filters were designed to identify studies using sound methodology and are not intended for running comprehensive literature searches.

Now let’s apply the narrow search scope, which will decrease our retrieval.

Selecting the Narrow scope...

After selecting the narrow scope, the new results are automatically displayed. Using the narrow scope, we retrieved 21 citations.

There are also some filters available for finding articles about COVID-19 on the Clinical Queries page.

Treatment is the default category, but there are a variety of other filters available to help focus your search.

During this module, we explored the PubMed filters available on the Clinical Queries page. Remember the link to access the Clinical Queries filters is at the bottom of the PubMed homepage.

We hope this tutorial was helpful to you.

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