Introduction to Searching the PubMed Database

From the IUSD Library homepage ([http://www.iusd.iupui.edu/Depts/Lib/](http://www.iusd.iupui.edu/Depts/Lib/)) select the PubMed tab

1. Search using keyword(s)
   a. Search on term – heart attack – how many articles? _____________
   b. View Search details box – how did PubMed search on this term?

2. Search using Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) database
   a. Search on term – heart attack – find correct MeSH term – ________________
   b. Click the Add to search builder button – then click Search PubMed
   c. Search runs in PubMed – how many articles? _____________

3. Search with Limits
   a. Go back to MeSH database – search term – heart attack - again – check Subheadings - therapy
      Click the Add to search builder button – then click Search PubMed
   b. Run search again – how many articles? ________________
   c. Use other limits – Select the Limits tab
   d. Select the following limits:
      Dates – Published in the Last 5 years
      Languages - English
      Type of Article - Review
   e. Run search again – how many articles? __________

4. Combining searches
   a. Click on Advanced
   b. Select the previous search by left clicking on the # to the left of the search strategy – choose AND from the drop-down box – the search term appears in the Advanced Search box
   c. Type a space – then type AND (all caps) then the other term – blood thinner
   d. Run search again – how many articles? ________________
5. **Printing** the results

   Use the Display Settings drop-down arrow – change to **Abstract** – then click the **Apply** button

   Use your browser’s **File/Print** function to print the citations

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