

## Which MEDLINE do I use? Ovid MEDLINE vs. PubMed

|                                  | Ovid MEDLINE  | PubMed  |
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| <b>Coverage</b>                  | 1947-present. Can search 1947-present, 1996-present, or in-process and other non-indexed citations  | 1947-present. Searches all citations at once, including the in-process and non-indexed citations  |
| <b>Strengths</b>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subject heading mapping</li> <li>• Direct export to Refworks and Endnote</li> <li>• Easy access to search history</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Related Articles</li> <li>• Citation Matcher</li> <li>• Most current information – updated daily</li> <li>• Easy to do quick keyword search</li> </ul> |
| <b>Email</b>                     | Ability to email citations to yourself and others   | Ability to email citations to yourself and others by using the <i>Send To</i> email feature   |
| <b>Explode</b>                   | Can explode MESH terms by clicking the <i>Explode</i> box. (Explode: to include more specific MESH terms in your search)  | PubMed automatically explodes MESH terms  |
| <b>Exporting Citations</b>       | Can export to Refworks, EndNote and others. Includes a direct export function   | Can export to Refworks and EndNote, but no direct export function. Must save results as a text file and then export   |
| <b>Find an article</b>           | Use the <i>Find Citation</i> feature when you have incomplete information   | Use <i>Citation Matcher</i> feature when you have incomplete information  |
| <b>Formatting Bibliographies</b> | Can export to a bibliography using limited style formats  | Can do a basic bibliography   |
| <b>Full text</b>                 | Links directly to Ovid Full text, and use the blue <i>Find It @OHSU Library</i> link to link to our other full text journals  | Links directly to PubMed Central full text, and use the blue <i>Find It @OHSU Library</i> link to link to our other full text journals  |
| <b>Limits</b>                    | Ovid has a few more limits than PubMed, including subject subsets and animal types  | Limits must be turned off after each search or they will be in effect for every search  |
| <b>Remote Access</b>             | Available to OHSU faculty, staff and students only. Must log in with library barcode number from off-campus   | Free to all, but only OHSU faculty, staff and students can access the OHSU version of PubMed, which links to full text articles. Must log in with library barcode number from off-campus        |
| <b>Saving Searches</b>           | Yes, by creating a personal account and clicking <i>Save Search History</i> . You can save searches temporarily, permanently, or by setting up an Auto-Alert (SDI)    | Yes, by creating a personal account and signing in to <i>My NCBI</i> . You can save searches temporarily, permanently, or by setting up an Auto-Alert (SDI)                                     |
| <b>Showing Cited References</b>  | Ovid shows cited references, but only the references from Ovid full text journals   | PubMed does not show cited references   |
| <b>Similar Articles</b>          | Use <i>Find Similar</i> to retrieve more citations similar to your topic. NOTE: <i>Find Similar</i> only looks in Ovid full text journals, not all of MEDLINE         | Use <i>Related Articles</i> to retrieve more citations similar to your topic. <i>Related Articles</i> looks in all of MEDLINE   |
| <b>Single Citation Searching</b> | Click the <i>Find Citation</i> link   | Click on <i>Single Citation Matcher</i> under PubMed Tools  |