## PubMed Basics

**Accessing PubMed**

From the library homepage [https://library.villanova.edu](https://library.villanova.edu) click the *Databases A to Z* button and select **PubMed**.

![PubMed Access](image)

**Keyword searching**

Type your topic in the search box. Try using simple terms to start. There is no need to use “quotes” around terms. You also do not need to use AND/OR/NOT. Let PubMed’s algorithm do the search for you!

![PubMed Search](image)

**Sort results**

Your search results will be sorted by **Best Match**. If you want the most current results on top, click the sort by **Most Recent** button at the top of the page.

![PubMed Results](image)
Refine results using filters

Get more precise results using the filters on the left-hand side of the page. Some default filters include:
- Year
- Type of article
- Publication date (i.e. within 5 years)

Click Additional filters button for more options including:
- Language
- Subject
- Age
- Journal type (This is helpful if you need to find material published in nursing journals.)

Full text PDFs

In an abstract page, click the blue Find It button to see if we have full text access to the article. In a separate page, click the Full Text Online button.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

If you click the Find It button and are not connected to the full text, click the blue Get a Scan button. This means that the library does not have immediate electronic access. You will have to create an account in ILLiad to process the request. Find more information on ILL at: https://library.villanova.edu/using-the-library/illservices

Saving and emailing results

Below the search box click the Save or Email button. Select all results on page or selected citations.