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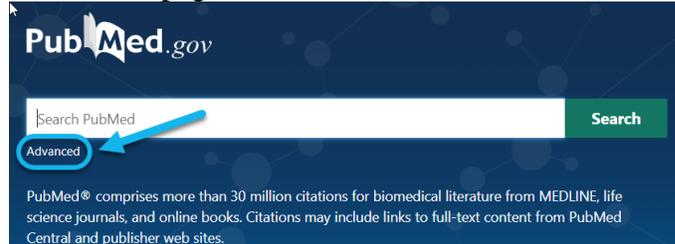
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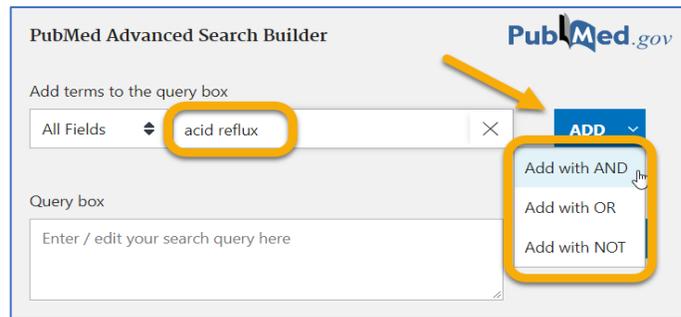
## PubMed: Advanced Features

### Advanced searching

Use the Advanced search function for more complex topics. Click **Advanced** from the PubMed home page.



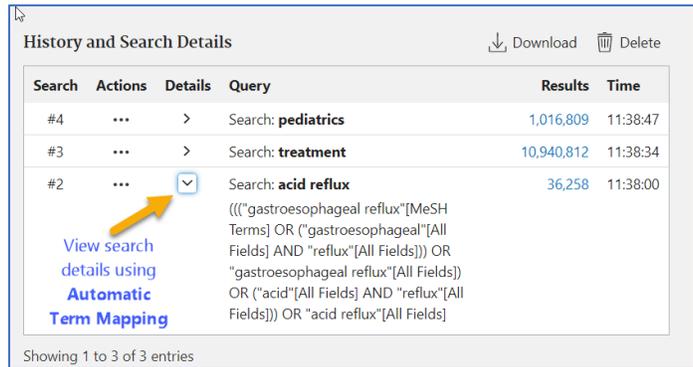
Build a search by adding terms into the query box. Search **All Fields** is the default setting. Click the drop-down menu to select specific search fields such as author, MeSH (**M**edical **S**ubject **H**eadings), journal and more. Combine multiple search terms using the blue **Add** button.



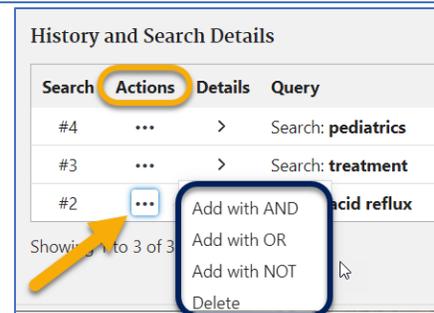
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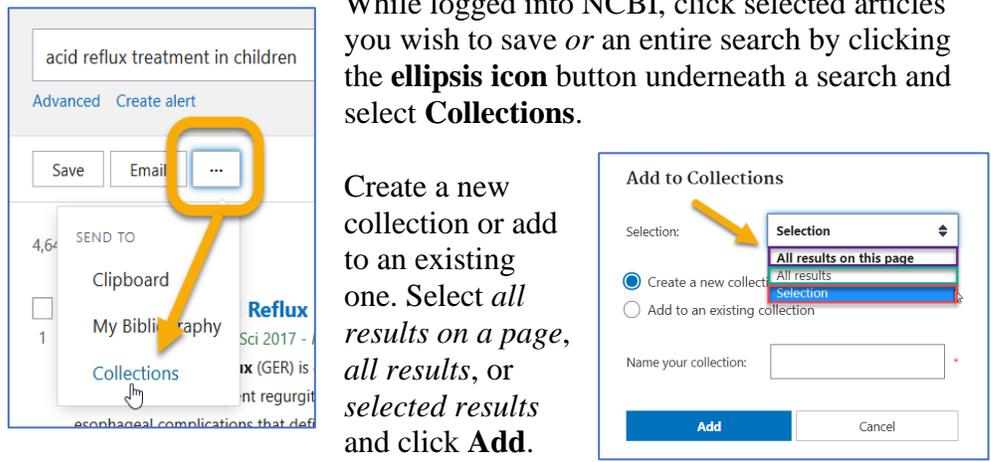
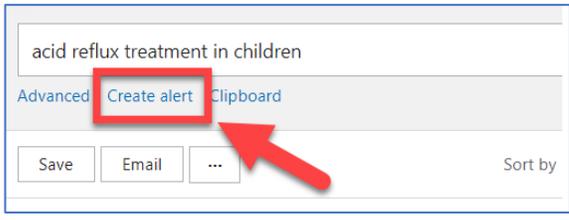
### & combining searches

View the **History and Search Details** by scrolling below the Query box. Click the **Details** arrow button to see how PubMed mapped the search.



Combine multiple searches by clicking the ellipsis icon under **Actions** and add with AND, OR, NOT to connect terms.



<p><b>Creating a NCBI account</b></p>	<p>Save PubMed searches in a <b>NCBI account</b>. Click the <b>Log in</b> button then click <b>New Here? Sign up</b>. Select <b>Create new NCBI Account</b>.</p> 
<p><b>Saving search results to Collections in NCBI</b></p>	<p>While logged into NCBI, click selected articles you wish to save <i>or</i> an entire search by clicking the <b>ellipsis icon</b> underneath a search and select <b>Collections</b>.</p> <p>Create a new collection or add to an existing one. Select <i>all results on a page</i>, <i>all results</i>, or <i>selected results</i> and click <b>Add</b>.</p> 
<p><b>Creating a search alert</b></p>	<p>To get notifications of new articles published on a topic set up an alert. Below the search box, click <b>Create alert</b>. Select how frequency of emails, date and report format and click <b>Save</b>.</p> 
<p><b>Sending citations to Zotero</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Import PubMed citations as file to Zotero by clicking the <b>Save</b> button.</li> <li>• Under <b>selection</b> select <i>all results on page</i>, <i>all results</i> or <i>selection</i>. Under <b>format</b> select <b>RIS</b>. Make sure Zotero is open and click <b>Create file</b>.</li> <li>• An <b>RIS</b> file should download. Double click to open and import the file to your Zotero account.</li> <li>• A new collection filled with citations will appear in your Zotero library.</li> </ul> 