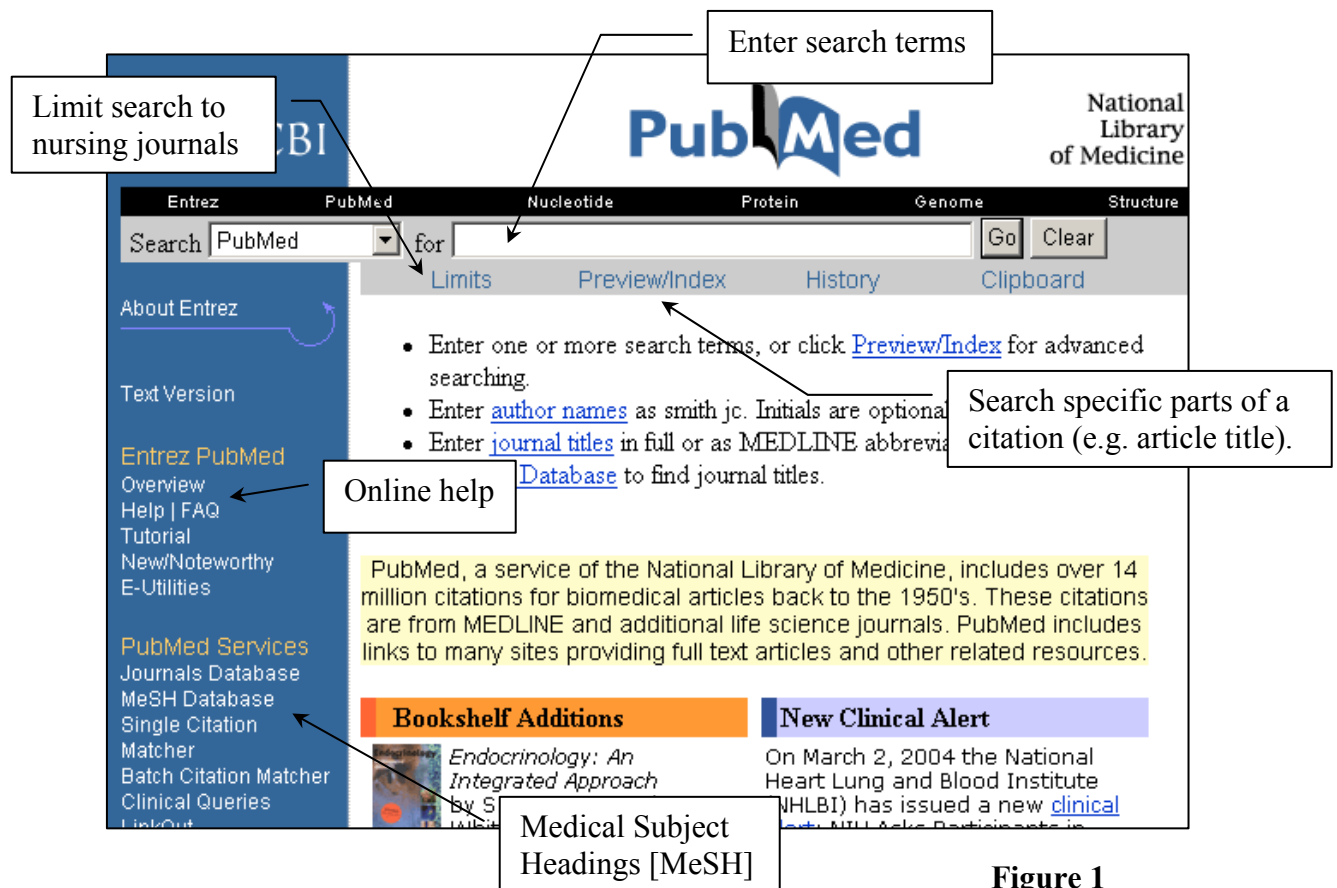


# PubMed

## What is PubMed?

PubMed is the Internet-based gateway to medical journal literature, primarily MEDLINE. As of March 2004, PubMed provided indexing to over 4,600 biomedical journals published in the U.S. and 70 other countries. An added feature is full text to over 20 medical texts. However, most information in PubMed is *not* full text. International in scope, topic areas include medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and the health care system. Coverage dates from the mid-1960's to the present, with some coverage back to 1953.



**Figure 1**

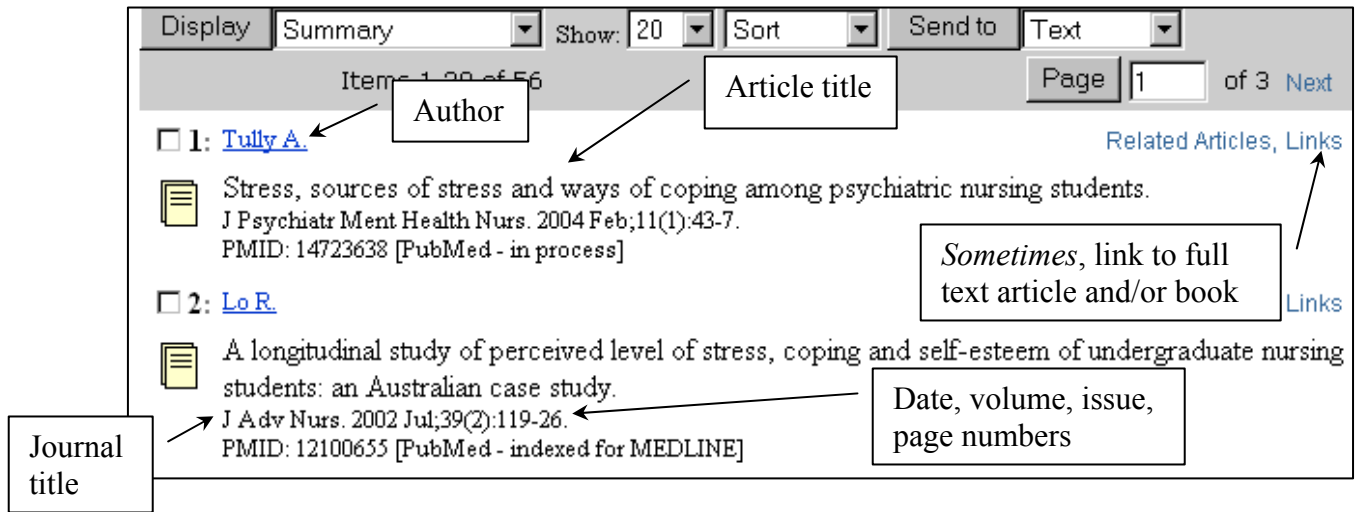
## How do I search?

PubMed is freely available on the Internet. You can access PubMed via the library's homepage at <http://www.everettcc.edu/library/>. PubMed's Basic Search page [**Figure 1**] provides keyword searching, a link to online help, and links to several advanced search features.

## What Do I Get?

A list of references (also called citations) to articles matching the words and phrases you entered in the search screen [Figure 2].

Figure 2



## Advanced Search Features

### Using Limits

The Basic Search screen includes a link titled Limits [Figure 1]. By selecting limits, users can restrict searches by publication type [e.g. Clinical Trial], language, subsets, and other areas. Limiting by subset is very useful for some searches. For example, nursing students can limit searches to only nursing journals [Figure 3].

Search limited to nursing periodicals

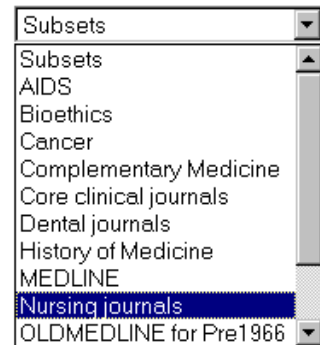
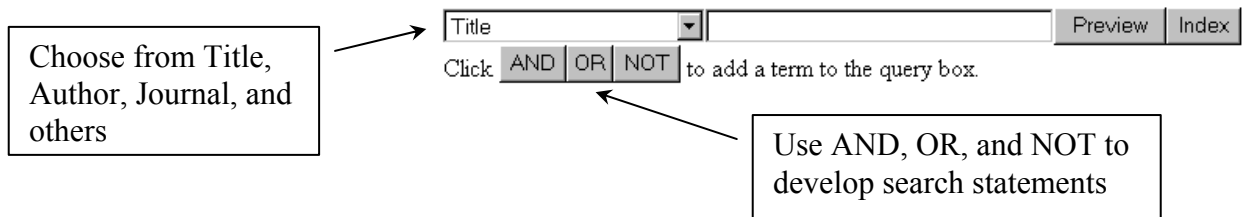


Figure 3

### Using Preview/Index

The Basic Search screen includes a link titled Preview/Index [Figure 1]. Preview/Index enables users to combine search terms, limit search terms to a specific part of a citation [e.g. title], and also look up search terms in PubMed's index [Figure 4].

Figure 4



## Using Medical Subject Headings [MeSH]

MeSH is the controlled vocabulary used by the National Library of Medicine to index articles in PubMed. Experienced searchers use MeSH to identify highly relevant articles. To access MeSH, select MeSH Database on the Basic Search screen [Figure 1].