Objective: This guide will show you how to conduct a basic search in PubMed. For further information please view the list of additional guides on our website (link).

Directions:

1. Go to pubmed.gov to start your search. (If you created a myncbi account login first)
2. Enter your search terms in the Query Box
3. Combine your search terms with Boolean operators AND, OR, NOT

Caution: NOT can eliminate information that pertains to your topic. Refer to image on right.

Filters: Filters can help you refine your search results

Examples:
- Publication Date Range
- Language
- Article Types
  a. Review  b. Clinical Trial  c. Systematic Review

Boolean Operator | Examples | Retrieves
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AND | Breast Cancer in Men AND Women. | MEN WOMEN
OR | Breast Cancer in Men OR Women. | MEN WOMEN
NOT *Use with Caution* | Breast Cancer in Men NOT Women. | MEN WOMEN

Display Settings: Adjust how you view your results.
- Citation Display
- Number of Results per Page
- Sort Options

Additional Resources:
Additional information can be found on this topic at the following outside resources (ctrl+click to open):
- Moffitt Biomedical Library Website
- NLM PubMed Basics Guide