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The Search Process

☑ Step 1
PubMed starts on a basic search screen.

Start by typing your keywords or terms into the search bar and click **Search**.

☑ Step 2
To limit the results to Evidence-Based Medicine articles, under **Article Types**, click **Customize**, select the following article types and click **Show**:

- Clinical Study
- Clinical Trial
- Comparative Study
- Controlled Clinical Trial
- Evaluation Study
- Meta-Analysis
- Multicenter Study
- Pragmatic Clinical Trial
- Randomized Controlled Trial
- Review
- Systematic Review
- Twin Study
- Validation Study

After clicking **Show**, you must then **click on each of the article types to apply them to the search results**.

☑ Step 3
To limit the **Publication Date**, use the preset limiters or set a custom range.

☑ Step 4
To limit the results to **Nursing Journals**, click **Show additional filters**, select **Journal Categories** and click **Show**.

Under the new filter, **Journal Categories**, select **Nursing journals**.
☑ Step 5
To ensure the returned results better fit your search criteria and selected filters, under the Sort By dropdown menu, select Best Match.

☑ Step 6
Click on the title of an article to view the author information, abstract, publication type, and journal information.

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