



PubMed Search Field Abbreviations and Syntax

Search Rules and Syntax

- Generic syntax: **Term [Field] Operator**
- Boolean operators must be in uppercase
- Boolean operators are processed left to right
- Nesting allows the search order to be changed, e.g.,
 - ucsd[ad] OR diego[ad] OR jolla[ad] AND epithelial cells[majr]
OR
 - epithelial cells [MAJR] AND (ucsd [AD] OR diego [AD] OR jolla [AD])

Selected Search Field Tags: (NOTE: entire list of search field tags is listed in PubMed Help under “Search Field Descriptions and Tags”.)

Affiliation	[AD]
All Fields	[ALL]
Author Name	[AU]
Entrez Date	[EDAT]
Issue	[IP]
Journal Title	[TA]
Language	[LA]
MeSH Major Topic	[MAJR]
MeSH Terms	[MH]
Page Number	[PG]
Personal Name as Subject	[PS]
Publication Date	[DP]
Publication Type	[PT]
Subheadings	[SH]
Text Words	[TW]
Title/Abstract Words	[TIAB]
Unique Identifiers	[UID]

NOTE: Case and Space do not matter: ice[mh] = Ice [mh] = ICE[MH]

Turning off automatic truncation of author’s name: [au], e.g., “powell b” [au]

Turning off automatic explosion of MeSH headings: [mh:noexp] or [majr:noexp], e.g., vitamin d [mh:noexp] (Remember: this option is also available in the MeSH Browser)

Personal Name as Subject: [ps], e.g., darwin c [ps]

Subheadings

- Format: **MeSH heading/subheading [Search Field]**
- Abbreviations or full subheading name may be used
 - tinea pedis/th [mh]
 - tinea pedis/therapy [mh]

NOTE: multiple subheadings must be combined with OR, or use the MeSH Browser, e.g., **tinea pedis/th [majr] OR tinea pedis/di [majr]**

Subheadings

Abnormalities	AB	Legislation and Jurisprudence	LJ
Administration and Dosage	AD	Manpower	MA
Adverse Effects	AE	Metabolism	ME
Agonists	AG	Methods	MT
Analogs and Derivatives	AA	Microbiology	MI
Analysis	AN	Mortality	MO
Anatomy and Histology	AH	Nursing	NU
Antagonists and Inhibitors	AI	Organization and Administration	OG
Biosynthesis	BI	Parasitology	PS
Blood	BL	Pathogenicity	PY
Blood Supply	BS	Pathology	PA
Cerebrospinal Fluid	CF	Pharmacokinetics	PK
Chemical Synthesis	CS	Pharmacology	PD
Chemically Induced	CI	Physiology	PH
Chemistry	CH	Physiopathology	PP
Classification	CL	Poisoning	PO
Complications	CO	Prevention and Control	PC
Congenital	CN	Psychology	PX
Contraindications	CT	Radiation Effects	RE
Cytology	CY	Radiography	RA
Deficiency	DF	Radionuclide Imaging	RI
Diagnosis	DI	Radiotherapy	RT
Diagnostic Use	DU	Rehabilitation	RH
Diet Therapy	DH	Secondary	SC
Drug Effects	DE	Secretion	SE
Drug Therapy	DT	Standards	ST
Economics	EC	Statistics and Numerical Data	SN
Education	ED	Supply and Distribution	SD
Embryology	EM	Surgery	SU
Enzymology	EN	Therapeutic Use	TU
Epidemiology	EP	Therapy	TH
Ethnology	EH	Toxicity	TO
Etiology	ET	Transmission	TM
Genetics	GE	Transplantation	TR
Growth and Development	GD	Trends	TD
History	HI	Ultrasonography	US
Immunology	IM	Ultrastructure	UL
Injuries	IN	Urine	UR
Innervation	IR	Utilization	UT
Instrumentation	IS	Veterinary	VE
Isolation and Purification	IP	Virology	VI