



PubMed and MEDLINE

What is the difference between MEDLINE and PubMed?

MEDLINE is the National Library of Medicine database of indexed journal citations and abstracts. **MEDLINE** now indexes nearly 4,500 journals published in the United States and more than 70 other countries. **MEDLINE** includes references to articles indexed from 1966 to the present. All citations in **MEDLINE** are assigned MeSH Terms and Publication Types from NLM's controlled vocabulary.

PubMed, a component of **MEDLINE**, includes over 15 million citations for biomedical articles back to the 1950's. These citations are from **MEDLINE** and life science journals. In addition to the features of **MEDLINE**, **PubMed** also provides access to:

1. The out-of-scope citations from certain **MEDLINE** journals, primarily general science and chemistry journals, for which the life sciences articles are indexed for **MEDLINE**.
2. Citations that precede the date that a journal was selected for **MEDLINE** indexing.
3. Some free full-text articles

MEDLINE and **PubMed** are searchable via the Internet through the Delta Library **Web** site (www.delta.edu/library) **Fast Links**, directly at **NLM's Web** site (www.nlm.nih.gov), or thru **FirstSearch Medline** database.

The following options are available to obtain a copy of a full-text article:

1. **Journal Articles in Print:** Check the Delta College Library Periodical Holdings List to see if a journal is available in print in the library. All journals shelved alphabetically in the Periodical Collection.
2. **Full-Text Links:** Choose *Limits* on the **Pubmed Web** site (tab on the top). After typing in your topic, choose *links to free full-text* (a list on articles will appear) Publishers who electronically supply their data to **PubMed** will include an icon link to a Web site that provides the free full-text article.
3. **Other InterLibrary Loan possibilities:** Get the journal articles you want from another library – Ask a librarian for help.