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To learn how to use PubMed
- Use the tutorial at **http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/pubmed_tutorial/m1001.html.**
- For help later on, click on Help on the left sidebar.

To find clinical articles
- Try using PubMed's Limits. Click on Limits, then narrow selection by age, sex, and/or human or animal. Click on Subsets and select Core Clinical Journals. Click on Publication Type and select Practice Guideline.
- Try Clinical Queries. Click on Clinical Queries on the left sidebar.
- Try the related National Guideline Clearinghouse, a public resource for evidence-based clinical practice guidelines. The National Guideline Clearinghouse is available at **http://www.guidelines.gov.**

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- Click on Limits, click on Publication Type, and select Review
- Click on Clinical Queries on the left sidebar, and then select Systematic Reviews. This will combine your search term(s) with citations identified as systematic reviews, meta-analyses, reviews of clinical trials, evidence-based medicine, consensus development conferences, and guidelines.

To save a search
- To save a search strategy, use PubMed's Cubby feature. Click on Cubby on the left sidebar, then register. Read about Cubby in PubMed Help.

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To get copies of articles

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To find clinical trials

- ClinicalTrials.gov provides patients, family members and members of the public with current information about clinical research studies. This site also provides the general public with a description of what a clinical trial is, why one might want to participate in a clinical trial, and the questions one might ask before participating in a clinical trial. ClinicalTrials.gov is available at **http://clinicaltrials.gov.**

To get CME credit

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To learn more about medical informatics

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To find out about NLM's special subject programs

- For HIV/AIDS information, go to **http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/HIV/HIVMain.html**
- For cancer, go to **http://cancer.gov/**
- For molecular biology and genetics, go to **http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/**
- For public health, go to **http://nnlm.gov/partners/**
- For toxicology, go to **http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/Tox/ToxMain.html**

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