Register (once) for My NCBI

- 1. Click Sign In to NCBI Sign in to NCBI
- 2. In My NCBI, click Register for a NCBI Account or, alternatively, click Or use a 3rd party sign in option
- 3. Create a case sensitive user name and password following the instructions
- 4. Provide an email address (which can be changed or removed later)
- 5. Optional: Select a security question and answer for when a password is forgotten
- 6. Type in the appropriate security letters
- 7. Click the **Create account** button

member My NCBI Sign Out

Once registered, the user name (here: Member) appears in the upper right.

After registration and when an email address is updated, NCBI sends a confirmation email message to that address. Upon receipt, click the link in the email. Once an address is confirmed, automatic email updates of searches will be received and the username may be retrieved.

Sign In and Sign Out

- 1. Click Sign in to NCBI
- 2. Enter your user name and password
- 3. Optional: **Keep me signed in unless I sign out** creates a permanent cookie and My NCBI will be indefinitely available from that computer; Otherwise, the account is active for the current session only and closing the browser automatically signs one out
- 4. Click on **Sign Out** anytime to sign out

Your password and email address may be changed, but your user name is permanent.

Collections

Save citations to a permanent **Collection** from search Results, Clipboard or Recent Activity.

- ➤ My Bibliography is one of two author collections. In addition to PubMed citations, presentations, books, and non-PubMed journal citations may be entered and stored.
- ➤ Collections include a Favorites option. Each account may have an unlimited number of collections and items in a collection.

To create a collection:

- 1. After a search, select the desired citation(s) using the check boxes; if no items are selected, <u>all</u> results up to the first 1000 citations will be sent to Collections or the first 500 citations to My Bibliography
- 2. Use the **Send To** drop-down menu and click **Collections** or **My Bibliography**, then click the **Add to** button
- 3. In **My NCBI**, create and name a new collection or append the selected items to an existing collection; then click **Save**

Collection options include:

- Share the collection by making it **Public** by clicking on the link under **Privacy**
- Merge or delete checked collections by selecting the **Manage Collections** link

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The National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) of the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) provides the My NCBI tool which, once signed in, retains user information and preferences to provide customized services in PubMed and other databases. Available at: PubMed.gov

My NCBI Features in PubMed

- Save searches, collections of citations and/or author bibliographies
- Share collections of citations
- Set automatic email updates of searches
- Select and create filtering options to customize and group search results
- Use **LinkOut** to identify full text articles available through local libraries
- Apply Site Preferences to change display formats, highlight search terms, update email address and to share filter settings
- Click **My NCBI** to return to the homepage from any window

Assistance and Training

In My NCBI, click **Help** to access the online My NCBI Help manual. Online tutorials and Quick Tours are also available.

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM), an outreach program of NLM, provides assistance and training nationwide. To find a local library, please call 800-338-7657 or go to http://nnlm.gov/members

Save Search Strategies

Permanently save search strategies to be retrieved as needed or to be run at determined intervals and emailed to the user.

- 1. Run a search in PubMed
- 2. Click on the **Save search** link
- 3. Sign in (if necessary); in **My NCBI Saved Searches**, change the name of the search if desired and click the **Save** button
- 4. Email update option(s):
 - Email: Verify email address
 - Select if and how often to send updates
 - Formats: Select text or hyper-linked
 - Number of items: Begin with a high number and reduce as necessary
- Optional: check **Send even when there** aren't any new results to confirm the search is running properly:
- 5. Click the **Save** button

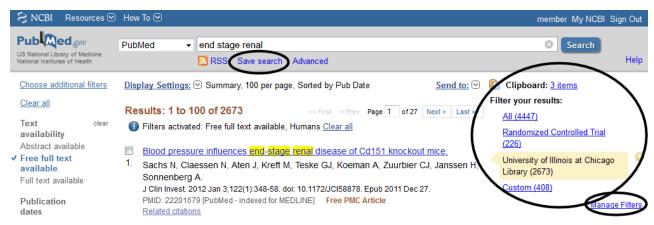


Access Search Strategies

Click on the **My NCBI** link. In the **Saved Searches** box:

- Run a search by clicking on the name of that search, any limits from that search will be set
- **Q** Use the **Gear icon** to manage automatic email update settings
- View items new since the search was last run by clicking the number under **What's New**
- Click Managed Saved Searches to access and delete search strategies

Note: Search strategies cannot be changed.



My NCBI Filters

Filters group search results by areas of interest. PubMed provides standard filters on the left navigation bar; My NCBI filters are on the right.

- View a My NCBI filter from the search results page by clicking the filter name under Filter your results
- To create additional filters; click Manage
 Filters which sets filters that are in effect only when signed in to My NCBI



- The **Filter list** displays currently active filters (maximum of fifteen) and icons (no maximum)
- **Create custom filter** this button creates a filter which cannot be appended to a search
- Browse/Search for PubMed Filters including Popular, Properties (subject areas), Link-Out (organizations including libraries), and Links
- Click on a box to activate or deactivate a filter or icon

Recent Activity

When signed into My NBCI, **Recent Activity** is saved for six months. Click links to run searches. Create a saved search from a past search or move previously viewed citations to a collection. **Clear** deletes <u>all</u> **Recent Activity**.

NCBI Account Settings

Click on the user name to update email address and password.

Customize this Page

Move windows with the mouse. Minimize or remove them with the icons . Click Customize this page to restore deleted windows.

NCBI Site Preferences

Common Preferences

- Set highlighting
- Turn the Auto Suggest off or back on
- Share filters, document delivery and outside tool settings with **Shared Settings**

PubMed Preferences

- Set **Abstract Supplemental Data** to **Open** to view MeSH headings in the Abstract display
- Use **Result Display Settings** to save format, number of items, and sort settings