

HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN PALLIATIVE CARE PUBMED SEARCH

CareSearch offers you 60+ PubMed searches for a range of set topics such as dyspnoea, cough and advanced care planning. However you may be interested in other topics which are not included in the list of topics offered on CareSearch. These instructions will show you how to restrict any topic to a palliative care context.

Please note that these instructions do not provide details on how to search PubMed or construct search strategies. A separate handout called "Guide to Searching Effectively in Palliative Care" and various web links are provided on CareSearch to help you gain such skills.

Access these instructions on the 'Create Your Own Palliative Care PubMed Search' page in the Finding Evidence pages at www.caresearch.com.au

The screenshot shows the CareSearch website interface. On the left is a 'Main Menu' with categories like 'What is Palliative Care?', 'For Patients and Families', 'Finding Services', 'Clinical Practice', 'Finding Evidence', 'Education', 'Research Resources', 'Professional Groups', 'About CareSearch', 'Contact CareSearch', and 'Home'. The 'Finding Evidence' section is expanded, showing sub-links such as 'About Evidence', 'Finding Evidence', 'Appraising Evidence', 'Applying Evidence', 'Generating Evidence', 'Communicating Evidence', 'Reducing Evidence-Practice Gaps', 'CareSearch Grey Literature', and 'CareSearch Review Collection'. Under 'Palliative Care PubMed Searches', there is a link for 'Create Your Own Palliative Care PubMed Search'. The main content area of the page is titled 'Create Your Own Palliative Care PubMed Search' and contains the following text:

Example
Let's use the example of 'hiccups' in the palliative care context.

Instructions
Step 1: Click on this link: [Run the palliative care filter in PubMed now](#)
Step 2: CLEAR the PubMed search box
Step 3: Enter your topic search, ie, hiccups, and select Search
Step 4: CLEAR the PubMed search box
Step 5: Click on the Advanced search link
Step 6: Identify the 'set numbers' for Steps 1 and 3 (eg, #1 AND #2)
Step 7: Combine the 'set numbers' by typing them in the PubMed search box, eg, #1 AND #2
Step 8: Select Search

Results will include references that are about hiccups, restricted to the palliative care context. Substitute your own search terms in Step 3 to create your own PubMed Search.

Having trouble?
Make sure that you type your search terms in the PubMed 'search' box, and not the

Example

As an example, let's say you are interested in finding articles about 'hiccups' in palliative care.

The screenshot shows the CARESEARCH website interface. The main menu on the left includes 'Finding Evidence', which is expanded to show options like 'About Evidence', 'Finding Evidence', 'Appraising Evidence', etc. The main content area is titled 'Create Your Own Palliative Care PubMed Search'. It contains instructions for creating a search, with a blue callout box highlighting the first step: 'Step 1: Select the CareSearch link: [Run the palliative care filter in PubMed now](#) from the Create Your Own Palliative Care PubMed Search page on the CareSearch website'. The page also includes a search bar, a 'Watch' icon, and a 'Print page' option.

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Notice how the PubMed Search box has been filled in with search terms? These were the terms we developed in a pre-saved search strategy designed to find palliative care literature. (We call this the palliative care filter.)

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PubMed.gov
U.S. National Library of Medicine
National Institutes of Health

Search: PubMed

advance care planning[mh] OR attitude to death[mh] OR bereavement[mh] OR

Search Clear

Display Settings: Summary, 20 per page, Sorted by Recently Added

Send to: Filter your results: All (97597)

Results: 1 to 20 of 97597

- [A qualitative assessment of the supportive care and resource needs of patients with advanced cancer: a systematic review](#)
1. [tumours.](#)
Wong J, Mendelsohn D, Nyhof-Young J, Bernstein M.
Support Care Cancer. 2010 Oct 27. [Epub ahead of print]
PMID: 20978806 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]
[Related citations](#)
- ["Groans less, seems more comfortable." Harvey Cushing's redefinition of success in the operative treatment of pediatric intracranial lesions.](#)
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PMID: 20978769 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]
[Related citations](#)
- [Wholeness of Healing: An Innovative Student-Selected Component Introducing United Kingdom Medical Students to the Spiritual Dimension in Healthcare.](#)
3. [Spiritual Dimension in Healthcare.](#)
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PMID: 20978457 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]
[Related citations](#)
- [Nontuberculous mycobacteria: opportunistic environmental pathogens for predisposed hosts.](#)
4. [Cook JL.](#)
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PMID: 20977990 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]
[Related citations](#)
- [Systemic venous collateral channel causing desaturation after bidirectional cavopulmonary anastomosis: percutaneous closure.](#)
5. [closure.](#)

PubMed Central
A rare case with primary carcinoma of the prostate [J Clin Oncol].
Mechanical circulatory support for medically intractable
Gastrointestinal stroke recurrence following [Stroke].

Find related data
Database: Select
Find items

Search details
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In this example, 97,597 records were found relating to palliative care. The first 20 will be displayed on your page.

Now that you have run the palliative care filter, you need to search for hiccups.

Step 2: Clear the PubMed search box...

...by selecting Clear

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National Institutes of Health

Search: PubMed

RSS Save search Limits Advanced search Help

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Results: 1 to 20 of 97597 << First < Prev Page 1 Next > Last >>

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Review (12240)
Free Full Text (10)

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Search details
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Step 3: Enter your own topic search here. In this example, the word 'hiccups' has been added.

...then select Search

The screenshot shows the PubMed website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'NCBI Resources' and 'How To' menus. The main header features the 'PubMed.gov' logo and the text 'U.S. National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health'. A search bar is prominently displayed with the text 'Search: PubMed' and 'hiccups' entered. To the right of the search bar are links for 'RSS', 'Save search', 'Limits', 'Advanced Search', and 'Help'. Below the search bar are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. A blue callout bubble points to the search bar with the text 'Step 3: Enter your own topic search here. In this example, the word 'hiccups' has been added.' Another blue callout bubble points to the 'Search' button with the text '...then select Search'. Below the search bar, the page shows search settings: 'Display Settings: Summary, 20 per page, Sorted by Recently Added' and 'Send to:'. The main content area displays 'Results: 1 to 20 of 97597' and a list of search results. The first result is titled 'A qualitative assessment of the supportive care and resource needs of patients undergoing craniotomy for benign brain tumours' by Wong J, Mendelsohn D, Nyhof-Young J, Bernstein M. The second result is '"Groans less, seems more comfortable:" Harvey Cushing's redefinition of success in the operative treatment of pediatric intracranial lesions' by Pendleton C, Jallo GI, Cohen-Gadol AA, Quiñones-Hinojosa A. The third result is 'Wholeness of Healing: An Innovative Student-Selected Component Introducing United Kingdom Medical Students to the Spiritual Dimension in Healthcare' by Bell D, Harbinson M, Toman G, Crawford V, Cunningham H. The fourth result is 'Nontuberculous mycobacteria: opportunistic environmental pathogens for predisposed hosts' by Cook JL. The fifth result is 'Systemic venous collateral channel causing desaturation after bidirectional cavopulmonary anastomosis: percutaneous closure'. On the right side of the page, there are filters for 'Filter your results: All (97597)', 'Review (12240)', and 'Free Full Text (1)'. There is also a section for '5880 free full-text PubMed Central' and a 'Find related data' section with a 'Database: Select' dropdown and a 'Find items' button. At the bottom right, there is a 'Search details' section with the text '"advance care Terms1 OR "at'.

In this example, 1087 records were retrieved using the word hiccups. This search has not yet been restricted to a palliative care context. We need to do that next.

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National Institutes of Health

Search: hiccups

RSS Save search Limits Advanced search Help

Search Clear

Display Settings: Summary, 20 per page, Sorted by Recently Added

Send to: Filter your results:

Results: 1 to 20 of 1087

All (1087)
Review (73)
Free Full Text (1)

Also try:
hiccups treatment
singultus
hiccoughs
hiccups therapy
hiccups chemotherapy

Titles with your
Managing persistent cancer 2: treatment.
Hiccups and dopaminergic
Persistent hiccups and hospitalization: ti

59 free full-text Central

- [The quality of fetal arm movements as indicators of fetal stress.](#)
1. Reissland N, Francis B.
Early Hum Dev. 2010 Oct 12. [Epub ahead of print]
PMID: 20947272 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]
[Related citations](#)
- [Hiccups as a Sign of Chronic Myocardial Ischemia.](#)
2. Buyukhatipoglu H, Sezen Y, Yildiz A, Kucukdurmaz Z, Faruk O.
South Med J. 2010 Sep 20. [Epub ahead of print]
PMID: 20859249 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]
[Related citations](#)
- [Risperidone-induced hiccups in a youth with Down syndrome.](#)
3. Cheng YM, Yang HN.
Prog Neuropsychopharmacol Biol Psychiatry. 2010 Sep 17. [Epub ahead of print] No abstract available.
PMID: 20850493 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]
[Related citations](#)
- [\[Clinical features of NMO according to brain MRI findings\]](#)
4. Shimizu Y.
Brain Nerve. 2010 Sep;62(9):933-43. Japanese.
PMID: 20844304 [PubMed - in process]
[Related citations](#)
- [Ultrasound-guided continuous phrenic nerve block for persistent hiccups.](#)
5. Renes SH, van Geffen GJ, Rettig HC, Gielen MJ, Scheffer GJ.
Reg Anesth Pain Med. 2010 Sep-Oct;35(5):455-7.
PMID: 20830872 [PubMed - in process]
[Related citations](#)

You now combine your hiccup search with your previous search using the palliative care filter.

Step 4: Click on the Advanced Search link

The screenshot shows the PubMed website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'NCBI Resources' and 'How To'. The main search area includes the 'PubMed.gov' logo, a search box containing 'hiccups', and buttons for 'Search' and 'Clear'. Above the search box are links for 'RSS', 'Save search', 'Limits', 'Advanced search', and 'Help'. Below the search box, there are 'Display Settings' (Summary, 20 per page, Sorted by Recently Added) and a 'Send to' dropdown menu. The search results are displayed as a list of five items, each with a checkbox, a title, authors, journal information, and PMID. The first result is 'The quality of fetal arm movements as indicators of fetal stress' by Reissland N, Francis B. The second is 'Hiccups as a Sign of Chronic Myocardial Ischemia' by Buyukhatipoglu H, Sezen Y, Yildiz A, Kucukdurmaz Z, Faruk O. The third is 'Risperidone-induced hiccups in a youth with Down syndrome' by Cheng YM, Yang HN. The fourth is 'Clinical features of NMO according to brain MRI findings' by Shimizu Y. The fifth is 'Ultrasound-guided continuous phrenic nerve block for persistent hiccups' by Renes SH, van Geffen GJ, Rettig HC, Gielen MJ, Scheffer GJ. On the right side, there are sections for 'Filter your results:' (All (1087), Review (73), Free Full Text (1)), 'Also try:' (hiccup treatment, singultus, hiccoughs, hiccup therapy, hiccup chemotherap), 'Titles with your' (Managing persistent cancer 2: treatment, Hiccups and dopan, Persistent hiccups hospitalization: tl), and '59 free full-text Central'.

This screen shows you the history of your searching (last 24 hours only). Notice the numbers to the left of each search query, preceded by a # symbol. Every search you complete will have a search number. If you want to combine searches, you need to check that you use the number which correctly corresponds to those searches. Note that in this example, #1 corresponds with the palliative care filter and #2 corresponds with the topic 'hiccups'.

Step 5: Identify the search numbers for steps 1 and 3 (eg. #1 AND #2)

The screenshot shows the PubMed Advanced Search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'NCBI Resources' and 'How To'. Below this is the 'PubMed Advanced Search' header. The main area contains a 'Search Box' with a search input field and buttons for 'Search', 'Preview', and 'Clear'. Below the search box is the 'Search Builder' section, which includes a dropdown menu for 'All Fields', a search input field, a dropdown for 'AND', and an 'Add to Search Box' button. The 'Search History' section is the focus of the callout, displaying a table of recent queries. The table has columns for 'Search', 'Most Recent Queries', 'Time', and 'Result'. The first entry is '#2 Search hiccups' with a time of 23:46:32 and a result count of 1087. The second entry is '#1 Search (advance care planning[mh] OR attitude to death[mh] OR bereavement[mh] OR terminal care[mh] OR hospices[mh] OR life support care[mh] OR palliative care[mh] OR terminally ill[mh] OR death[mh:noexp] OR palliat*[tw] OR hospice*[tw] OR terminal care[tw] OR 1049-9091[is] OR 1472-684X[is] OR 1357-6321[is] OR 1536-0539[is] OR 0825-8597[is] OR 1557-7740[is] OR 1552-4264[is] OR 1478-9523[is] OR 1477-030X[is] OR 0749-1565[is] OR 0742-969X[is] OR 1544-6794[is] OR 0941-4355[is] OR 1873-6513[is] OR 0145-7624[is] OR 1091-7683[is] OR 0030-2228[is]) OR ((advance care plan*[tw] OR attitude to death[tw] OR bereavement[tw] OR terminal care[tw] OR life supportive care[tw] OR terminally ill[tw] OR palliat*[tw] OR hospice*[tw] OR 1049-9091[is] OR 1472-684X[is] OR 1357-6321[is] OR 1536-0539[is] OR 0825-8597[is] OR 1557-7740[is] OR 1552-4264[is] OR 1478-9523[is] OR 1477-030X[is] OR 0749-1565[is] OR 0742-969X[is] OR 1544-6794[is] OR 0941-4355[is] OR 1873-6513[is] OR 0145-7624[is] OR 1091-7683[is] OR 0030-2228[is]) NOT Medline[sb]) AND English[la]' with a time of 23:46:20 and a result count of 97597. Below the table is a 'Clear History' button and a link to 'Search History Instructions'. At the bottom, there is a 'More Resources' section with links to 'MeSH Database' and 'Journals Database'.

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Step 6: Combine the search numbers by typing them in the search box. Eg, #1 AND #2...

...then select Search

The screenshot shows the PubMed Advanced Search page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'NCBI Resources' and 'raechd My NCBI Sign Out'. The main heading is 'PubMed Advanced Search' with a 'Back to PubMed' link. Below this is a 'Search Box' containing the text '#1 AND #2'. To the right of the search box are buttons for 'Search', 'Preview', and 'Clear'. A callout bubble points to the search box with the text 'Step 6: Combine the search numbers by typing them in the search box. Eg, #1 AND #2...'. Another callout bubble points to the 'Search' button with the text '...then select Search'. Below the search box is the 'Search Builder' section, which includes a dropdown menu for 'All Fields', a text input field, an 'AND' dropdown, and an 'Add to Search Box' button. There is also a 'Show Index' link and 'Search Builder Instructions' link. The 'Search History' section shows a table of recent queries. The first query is '#2 Search hiccups' with a time of 23:46:32 and 1087 results. The second query is '#1 Search (advance care planning[mh] OR attitude to death[mh] OR bereavement[mh] OR terminal care[mh] OR hospices[mh] OR life support care[mh] OR palliative care[mh] OR terminally ill[mh] OR death[mh:noexp] OR palliat*[tw] OR hospice*[tw] OR terminal care[tw] OR 1049-9091[is] OR 1472-684X[is] OR 1357-6321[is] OR 1536-0539[is] OR 0825-8597[is] OR 1557-7740[is] OR 1552-4264[is] OR 1478-9523[is] OR 1477-030X[is] OR 0749-1565[is] OR 0742-969X[is] OR 1544-6794[is] OR 0941-4355[is] OR 1873-6513[is] OR 0145-7624[is] OR 1091-7683[is] OR 0030-2228[is]) OR ((advance care plan*[tw] OR attitude to death[tw] OR bereavement[tw] OR terminal care[tw] OR life supportive care[tw] OR terminally ill[tw] OR palliat*[tw] OR hospice*[tw] OR 1049-9091[is] OR 1472-684X[is] OR 1357-6321[is] OR 1536-0539[is] OR 0825-8597[is] OR 1557-7740[is] OR 1552-4264[is] OR 1478-9523[is] OR 1477-030X[is] OR 0749-1565[is] OR 0742-969X[is] OR 1544-6794[is] OR 0941-4355[is] OR 1873-6513[is] OR 0145-7624[is] OR 1091-7683[is] OR 0030-2228[is]) NOT Medline[sb]) AND English[la]' with a time of 23:46:20 and 97597 results. Below the search history is a 'Clear History' button and 'Search History Instructions' link. At the bottom, there is a 'More Resources' section with links to 'MeSH Database' and 'Journals Database'.

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Note: Combining the two searches will give you any citations that include a term from both searches. In this example, 37 citations were found. Even though the word might not appear in the title, it will appear somewhere in each record, probably in the abstract.

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PubMed.gov U.S. National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health

Search: PubMed RSS Save search Limits Advanced search Help

#1 AND #2 Search Clear

Display Settings: Summary, 20 per page. Sorted by Recently Added Send to: Filter your results: All (37) Review (6) Free Full Text (1)

Results: 1 to 20 of 37 << First < Prev Page 1 Next > Last >>

- [Gabapentin in the treatment of hiccups in patients with advanced cancer: a 5-year experience.](#)
1. Porzio G, Aielli F, Verna L, Aloisi P, Galletti B, Ficorella C.
Clin Neuropharmacol. 2010 Jul;33(4):179-80.
PMID: 20414106 [PubMed - in process]
[Related citations](#)
- [Clinical Outcomes of Using a Conservative Approach of Late Esophageal Stent Placement in Palliation of Malignant Dysphagia.](#)
2. Chadha KS, Schiff M, Sitrin MD, Wilding GE, Nava H.
J Gastrointest Cancer. 2010 Feb 23. [Epub ahead of print]
PMID: 20178007 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]
[Related citations](#)
- [Complications of metallic stent placement in malignant esophageal stricture and their management.](#)
3. Turkyilmaz A, Eroglu A, Aydin Y, Kurt A, Bilen Y, Karaoglanoglu N.
Surg Laparosc Endosc Percutan Tech. 2010 Feb;20(1):10-5.
PMID: 20173613 [PubMed - in process]
[Related citations](#)
- [Novel use of amantadine: to treat hiccups.](#)
4. Wilcox SK, Garry A, Johnson MJ.
J Pain Symptom Manage. 2009 Sep;38(3):460-5.
PMID: 19735905 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]
[Related citations](#)
- [Palliating hiccups in cancer patients: moving beyond recommendations from Leonard the lion.](#)
5. Jatoi A.
J Support Oncol. 2009 Jul-Aug;7(4):129-30. No abstract available.
PMID: 19731577 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]
[Related citations](#)
- [Hiccups: underappreciated and underrecognized.](#)
6. Strickland SA Jr, Berlin JD.
J Support Oncol. 2009 Jul-Aug;7(4):128-9. No abstract available.
PMID: 19731576 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]
[Related citations](#)
- [Diagnosis and management of hiccups in the patient with advanced cancer.](#)
7. Mannella MA.
J Support Oncol. 2009 Jul-Aug;7(4):122-7. Review.
PMID: 19731575 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

Find related data Database: Select Find items

Search details #1 AND #2 Search

Recent activity

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