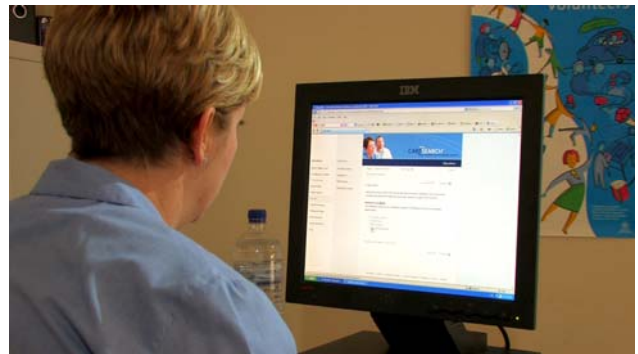


## CLINICAL USES: CREATING A SEARCH FOR AN UNUSUAL TOPIC (CNIN JAN 2009)

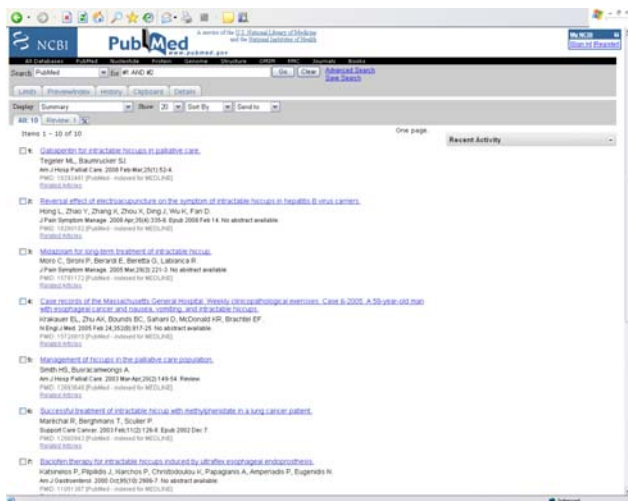
- You have a patient with intractable hiccups. There isn't a webpage on this problem and you can't find a PubMed Topic Search relevant to hiccups. How can you find what you need?
- You can search using the palliative care filter to find articles on hiccups.



When searching for information on a specific topic in CareSearch go initially to the [PubMed Topic Searches](#) page and see whether a search has already been undertaken. If there is nothing relevant to the topic, you can use the palliative care filter and then add in your own search terms.

In this case we are looking for information on intractable hiccups. Go to the '[Create your own PubMed Topic Search](#)' page. You can print off a copy of the instructions which include pictures of the screens you'll see in the PubMed website. The basic steps are as follows:

1. Run the palliative filter, which restricts a literature search on PubMed to palliative care related articles and certain palliative care journals.
2. Create your topic of interest by adding a set of terms such as hiccups or intractable hiccups
3. Combine your terms and the palliative care filter and run
4. Below are the results we found when we created a search using the palliative filter and the term 'intractable hiccups'.



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