



How PubMed Works: Introduction Handout

Search Examples Used in Class:

- A. lazarus nejm 2019
- B. lazarus s
- C. acid reflux
- D. The New England journal of medicine
- E. Nosebleed

1. What is the unique number for a PubMed citation called? Hint: all citations in PubMed have one.
Answer:

2. Which PubMed view (Summary, Abstract, PubMed, PMID) do you need to be to get computer author sort message to appear? Hint: Computed author sort helps you find articles by the same author, even if they don't publish under the same exact name.
Answer:

3. What does the National Library of Medicine call the machine-learning algorithm that matches your search terms to the PubMed records in your results and displays them based on the article title, subject terms and abstract? Hint: it is one of the several ways to sort your search results.
Answer:

4. What are five ways to share your PubMed results?
Answer:

Links shared in class:

[MEDLINE, PubMed, and PMC \(PubMed Central\): How are they different?](#)

[Best Match Algorithm](#)

[Computed Author Sort](#)

[Similar Article Algorithm](#)



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Additional Training Resources

[The New PubMed: Trainer's Toolkit](#) - slides and materials to repurpose for training end-users.

[MEDLINE/PubMed Resources Guide](#) - detailed information about MEDLINE data and searching PubMed.