


# MEDLINE

- MEDLINE is the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) premier bibliographic database that contains more than 29 million references to journal articles in life sciences with a concentration on biomedicine.
- A distinctive feature of MEDLINE is that the records are indexed with NLM Medical Subject Headings (MeSH).

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- MEDLINE is the primary component of PubMed, a literature database developed and maintained by the NLM National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI).
  - MEDLINE is the online counterpart to the MEDical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System (MEDLARS) that originated in 1964.



**Source:**

- Currently, citations from more than 5,200 worldwide journals in about 40 languages



***Updates:***

Citations are added to PubMed 7 days a week.



## *Broad subject coverage:*

- The subject scope of MEDLINE is biomedicine and health, broadly defined to encompass those areas of the
- life sciences,
- behavioral sciences,
- chemical sciences, and
- bioengineering needed by health professionals and
- basic research and clinical care,
- public health,
- health policy development, or
- related educational activities.

## *Availability:*

- Searching MEDLINE via PubMed results in a list of citations (including authors, title, source, and often an abstract) to journal articles and an indication of free electronic full-text availability.
- Searching is free of charge and does not require registration.

**Source:** [https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medline/medline\\_overview.html](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medline/medline_overview.html)