

## Medline: Ovid or PubMed Which should you use?

Medline is a biomedical database developed by the National Library of Medicine. Medline contains citations to journal articles; over 4600 journals are indexed. It is international in scope and covers clinical medicine as well as animal & human research.

At Loyola Health Sciences Library we have two access points for using Medline. The thing to remember is that you are searching the same content no matter which database you use.

Feature	Explanation	Ovid Medline	PubMed
Subject headings	Automatically 'maps' your search term to the Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) allowing for easily searching synonyms and different spellings	Yes	Yes
Library holdings	Local messages field contains information about Loyola's electronic & print collection	Yes	Yes
Electronic articles	For electronic journals owned by Loyola, citations have direct links to full text articles	Yes	Yes
Links to other databases	Citations have direct links to content in evidence-based medicine databases	Yes	No
Related articles	Able to click on 'related articles' to expand search results	No	Yes
Interlibrary Loan (ILL)	Order ILL articles while searching	Yes	No
Limits	Limit categories (language, age, reviews) easily available	Yes	Yes
Save search strategy	Allows user to save a search strategy	Yes	Yes
Years of coverage	Includes citations from Old Medline (pre 1966)	Coverage back to 1966	Coverage back to 1950
Combining	Able to combine search statements	Yes	Yes but only in History
Focus	Able to make a subject heading the major focus of your search	Yes	Yes, but only if the term is searched in the MeSH database
Citation verification	Allows you to search parts of an incomplete citation to identify correct citation	Yes, but search each part separately & combine	Yes, Use "Single Citation Matcher"
Email	Email search results	Yes	Yes