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Proximity searching is now available in PubMed

by Brandon Carroll on November 30th, 2022 | [0 Comments](#)

The National Library of Medicine is pleased to announce proximity search capabilities have been added to PubMed. Users can now search for multiple terms appearing in any order within a specified distance of one another in the [Title] or [Title/Abstract] fields.

The screenshot shows the PubMed.gov search interface. The search bar contains the query "rationing healthcare"[tiab:-0]. Below the search bar are buttons for "Save", "Email", and "Send to". The search results are sorted by "Best match" and displayed on page 1 of 3. The results list includes:

- 1. **Rationing healthcare: who's responsible?** by Ozono F, Smith TJ. *Oncology (Williston Park)*. 2013 Feb;27(2):91-96. PMID: 23530399. **Free PMC article.** No abstract available.
- 2. **Healthcare rationing: constraints and equity.** Little JM. *Med J Aust*. 2001 Jun 18;174(12):641-2. doi: 10.5694/j.1326-5377.2001.tb143473.x. PMID: 11480685. **Review.** Share: It is no longer possible or ethically acceptable to deny that **rationing** occurs in medical practice. We ration already by using "contraindications to treatment". There are no **rationing** criteria that are universally ethically acceptable. We need ways to establish comm ...
- 3. **Rational (or rationing?) healthcare.** Fante RG, Bartley GB. *Ophthalmology*. 1999 Sep;106(9):1649-50. doi: 10.1016/S0161-6420(99)90388-3. PMID: 10485528. No abstract available.

For more information (or want resources to share with other users), visit the new NLM Technical Bulletin article, [PubMed Update: Proximity Search Now Available in PubMed](#).

You can also check out the newly added ["Proximity Searching" section](#) of the PubMed User Guide.

Finally, there is a Quick Tour introducing users to the basics of Proximity Searching, which can be found via this [direct link](#), and will be added to the [PubMed Trainer's Toolkit](#) in the near future.

Though the new proximity search capabilities in PubMed are a major improvement to PubMed's functionality, for systematic review searches and other searches relying on complex searching methods, using HSLIC's access to [MEDLINE via Ovid](#) remains recommended.

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