



PubMed: Saving a Search as an Alert (Email or RSS)

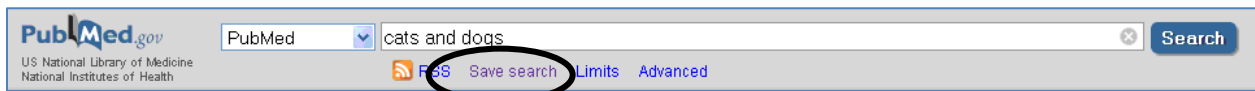


PubMed offers both email alerts and RSS feeds. Email alerts require that you set up a **My NCBI** account. An account is not required to set up an RSS feed.

Creating/Editing Saved Searches

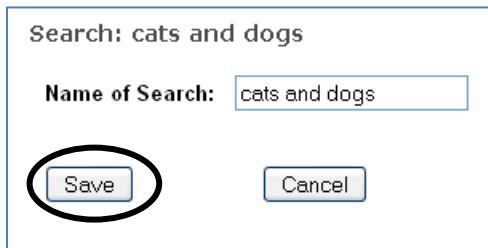
Creating Email Alerts

To create an alert, do a search first. Once you are satisfied with the results, click on **Save Search**.



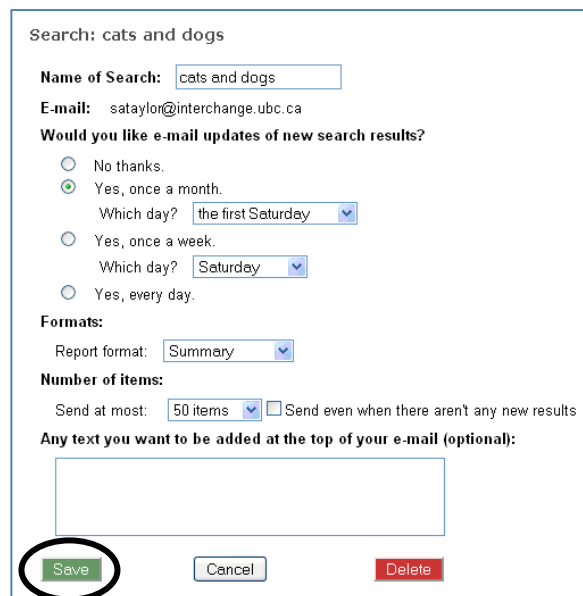
You will be prompted to login to your account. If you don't have one, click on **Register for an account**.

Next you can give your search a name and click on the **Save** button.



For email alerts, select the frequency, format, and maximum number of citations, then click the **Save** button.

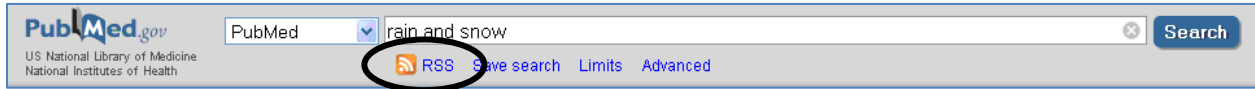
In the example on the right, a maximum of 50 citations with abstracts will be emailed on the first Saturday of the month.



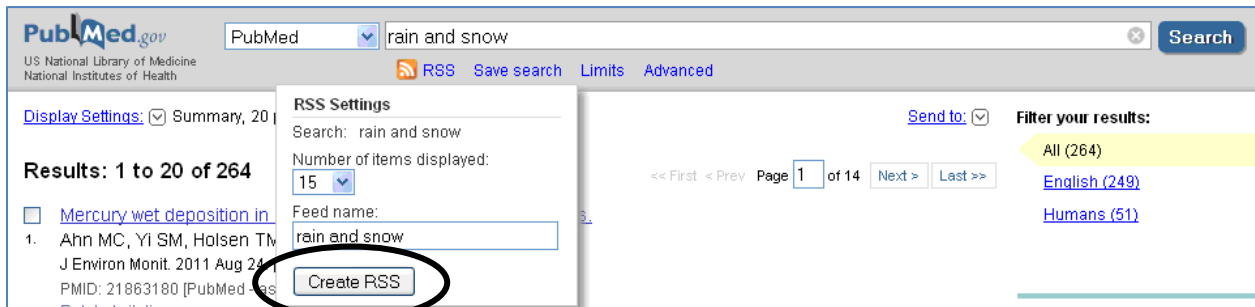
RSS Feeds

PubMed offers RSS feeds without having to create an account.

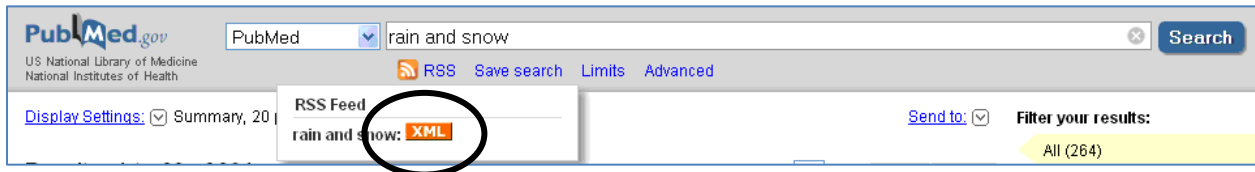
To create an RSS feed, do a search first. Once you are satisfied with the results, click the orange **RSS** icon.



Next you can give the RSS feed a name and limit the number of citations you will receive. Then click the **Create RSS** button.



The following screen will give you an orange icon that you can click on to add the feed to your reader.



Saved Searches

If you do not want email alerts or RSS feeds, you can say “No, thanks” to the email alert and simply save the search. You can then re-run it periodically to look for new citations. Log into your account, click on **My NCBI**, and click on **What’s New** for a saved search.

Editing Saved Searches & Alerts

Click on **My NCBI** and **Manage Saved Searches** to edit or delete a saved search or alert.

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