

Introduction to PubMed

Determining the Quality and Relevance of an Article

A. Performing the Search

- 1 Go to:
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi>
- 2 Identify the key concepts (terms) for your search from your PICO question.
- 3 Enter the terms in the search box. (fig. 1)
- 4 Click Go.



Fig. 1

B. Checking the Authors

- 1 In the Abstract View, Click on any of the author names (fig. 2)
- 2 This will open up a list of all of the titles that the author has published.

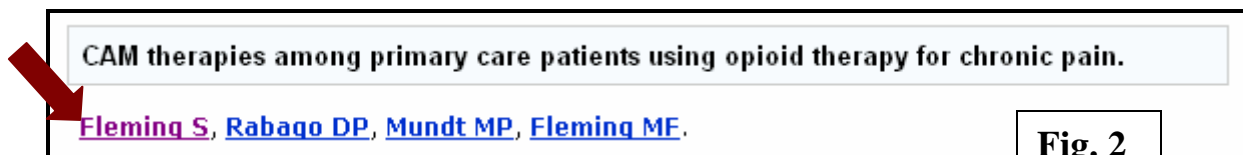


Fig. 2

C. Checking the Journal

- 1 MEDLINE journals are peer-reviewed
 - Click on the journal link from the abstract view to see if journal is indexed in MEDLINE (fig. 2)

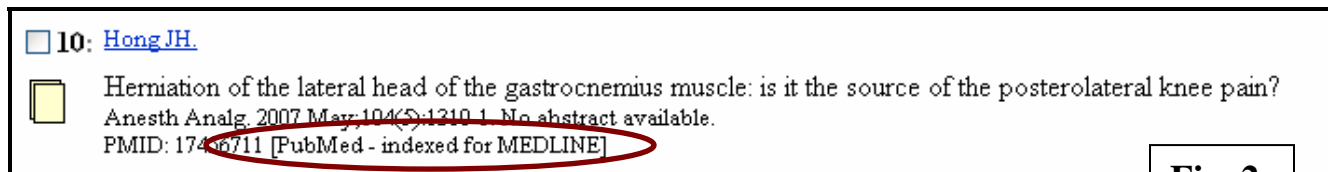


Fig. 2

- 2 But, not all peer-reviewed journals are indexed in MEDLINE
 - Click on journal link to go to journal website; check “about us” or similar – look for “peer-reviewed”, editorial board, or similar

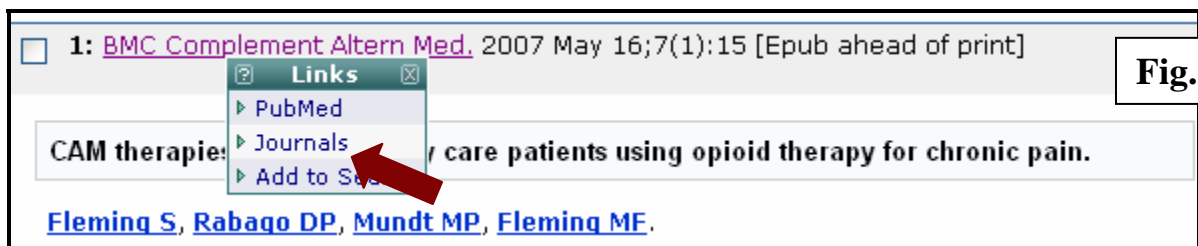


Fig. 3