

# Searching using Google Scholar

<https://scholar.google.com/>

# What is Google scholar?

- Free way to search the literature.
- Simplicity of a Google search.
- Compared with PubMed, the database is a lot larger and includes:
  - Articles
  - Papers
  - Abstracts
  - Theses
  - Books
  - Court opinions
  - Patents

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Articles  Case law

# Google Scholar

- Like regular Google, the most relevant results for the searched keywords are listed first (although can sort by date).
- “Related articles” allows searching of articles closely related to the articles in the search results.
- Advanced search

# What is in the literature about Cryptococcus in persons with AIDS in Liberia?

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## Advanced search



### Find articles

with **all** of the words

with the **exact phrase**

with **at least one** of the words

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where my words occur

anywhere in the article

in the title of the article

Return articles **authored by**

e.g., "PJ Hayes" or McCarthy

Return articles **published in**

e.g., *J Biol Chem* or *Nature*

Return articles **dated between**

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e.g., 1996



# Literature search using PubMed

As a specific question – too broad a query (e.g., diabetes) will result way too many articles (>670,000!)

Can apply **limits** – e.g., only Review articles, publication dates, human studies only (on left side of PubMed screen)

The screenshot shows the PubMed website interface. The search bar contains the text "diabetes mellitus". The left sidebar, which is highlighted with a red box, contains the following filter categories:

- Article types
  - Clinical Trial
  - Review
  - Customize ...
- Text availability
  - Abstract
  - Free full text
  - Full text
- Publication dates
  - 5 years
  - 10 years
  - Custom range...
- Species
  - Humans
  - Other Animals

Below the sidebar, there are links for "Clear all" and "Show additional filters". The main search results area shows "Best matches for diabetes mellitus:" with several article titles and authors. The "Search results" section indicates "Items: 1 to 20 of 472459". The page number is "1" of 23623. The "Related search" section shows "gestational diab", "diabetes mellitu", and "diabetes mellitu".

# Boolean logic

Add terms or combine search terms with connector words: **AND**, **OR**, or **NOT** using **UPPER CASE (CAPITAL)** letters (called Boolean logic)

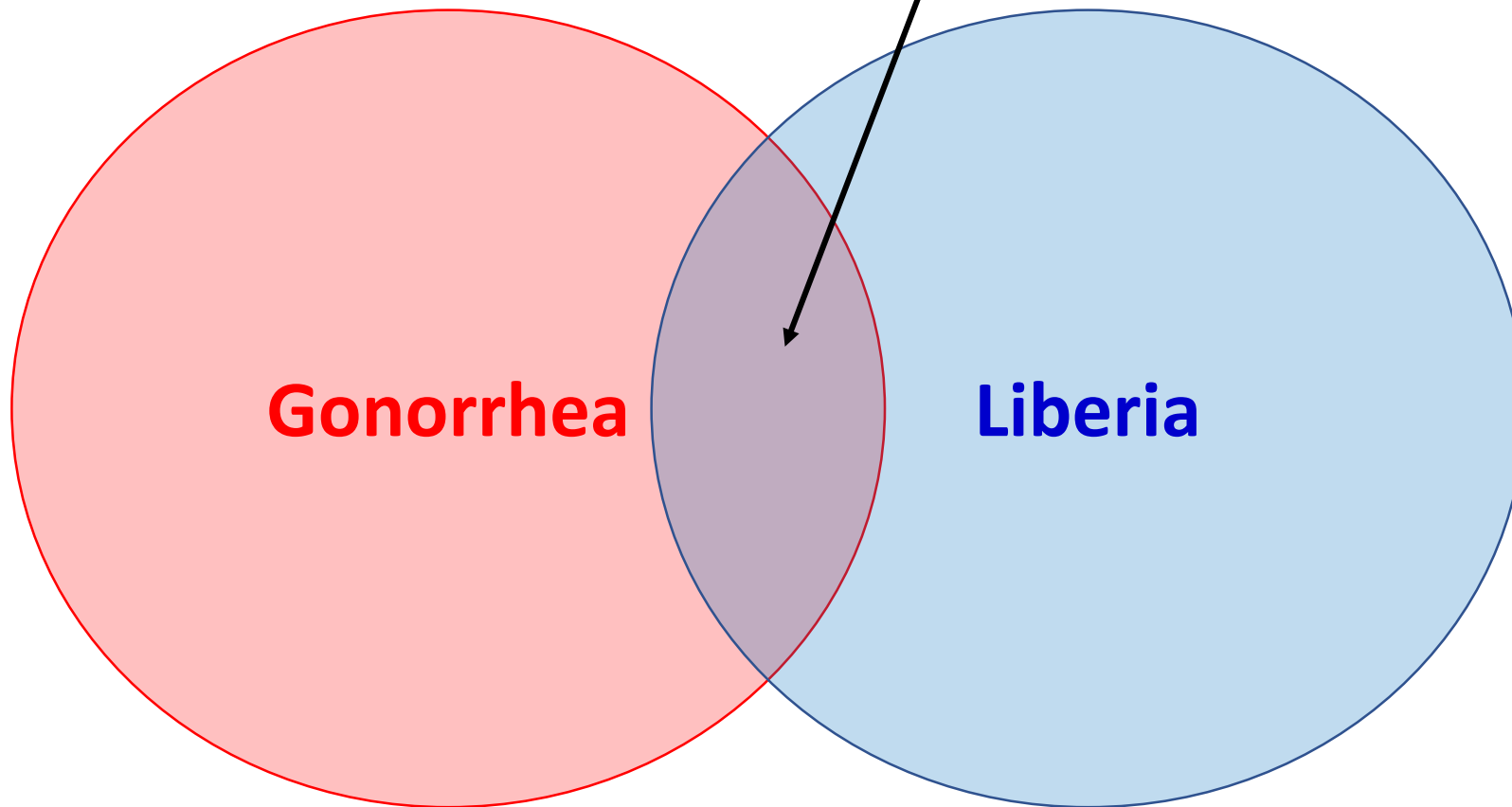
— **AND** between terms returns only records that contain all of the search terms

— **OR** between terms returns all records that contain any of the search terms

— **NOT** between search terms returns only records that contain the first term and not the second

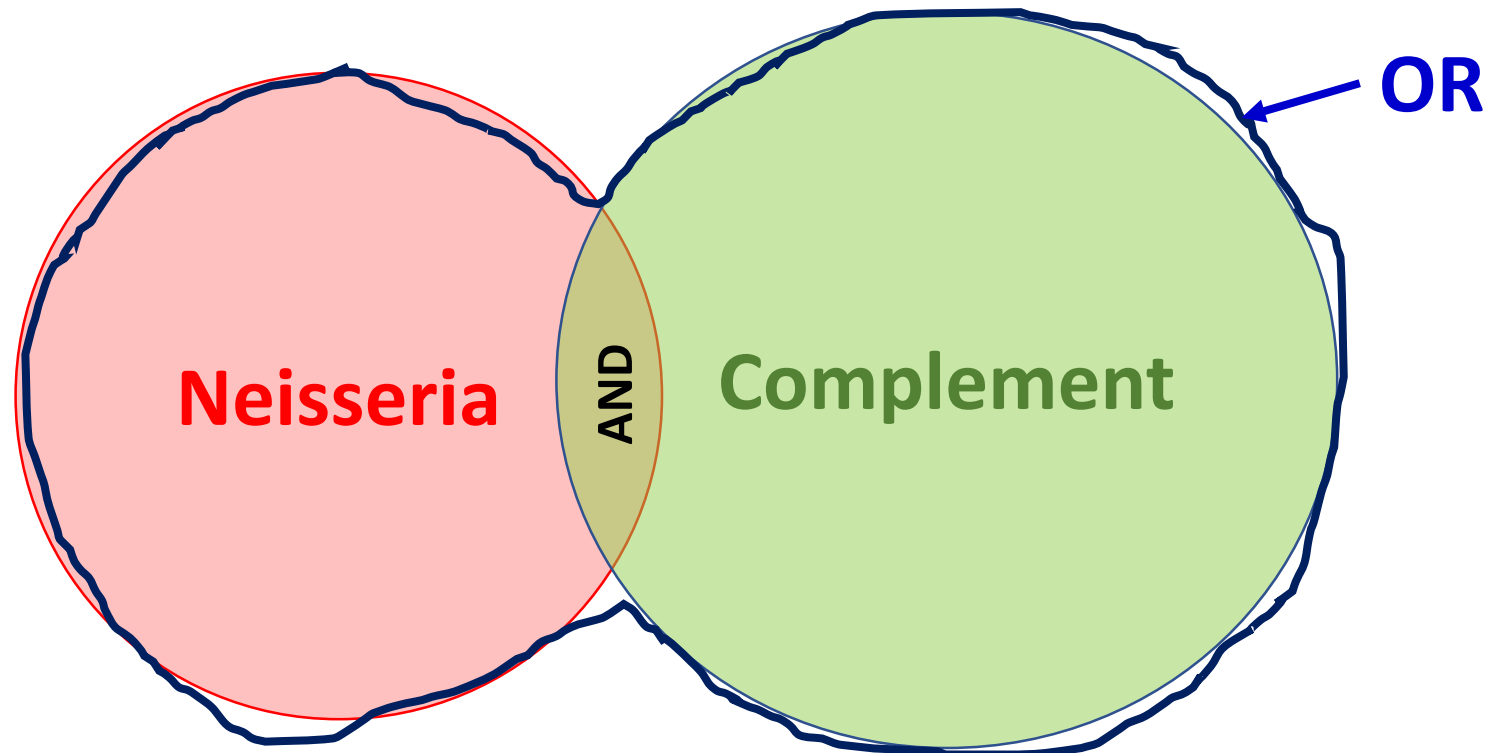
**'AND'**

Only articles with both words



I'm interested in all new articles that have the words  
'Neisseria' or 'complement' in the title or abstract

Therefore, a search that will include either of the terms  
would be 'Neisseria **OR** complement'



However, over the years several journals with the word 'Complement (as part of 'Complementary Medicine') became indexed on Pubmed.. I needed to exclude those

Use of the word 'NOT' to exclude terms that you don't want

Quotation marks – if you want the phrase exactly as appears in Pubmed

Name of journal exactly as appears on Pubmed

Neisseria **OR** complement **NOT** (“Complement Ther Clin Pract” **OR** “J Altern Complement Med” **OR** “BMC Complement Altern Med” **OR** “Evid Based Complement Alternat Med” **OR** “J Complement Integr Med” **OR** “Afr J Tradit Complement Altern Med” **OR** “Complement Ther Med” **OR** “J Tradit Complement Med” **OR** “Complement Med Res”)

Parenthesis – to lump all these terms/journals together

Truncate terms. Place an asterisk (\*) at the end of a string of characters to search for all terms that begin with that string.

PubMed searches the first 600 variations of a truncated term.

— Example: mimic\* will find all terms that begin with the letters m-i-m-i-c-; e.g.,  
mimic, mimics, mimicking, mimicry

Use a wildcard. Use a “?” to replace a letter or denote an extra letter where spelling or word variation is possible.

— Example: behavio?r will find behaviour or behavior



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## **Website for PubMed tutorial**

<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/disted/pubmedtutorial/cover.html>

## **PubMed Help site**

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK3827/>