

Keeping Up to Date: Email alerts

Keep up to date by receiving an email each week/fortnight/month (your choice) of abstracts of the latest published research.

.....for NHS Databases

- Use NHS ATHENS to login to [NHS databases](#) such as Medline, CINAHL or Embase.
- Search for the topic of your choice, and click "save all"

Select Database | Saved Searches | Search | Recover Searches | Alerts | My Account

Home » Database select » Search and Limits

Search history

Select All | **Save all** | Save selected lines | Delete selected | Remove duplicates | ? | Collapse history ▲

Line	Database	Search Term	View Results			
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	MEDLINE	(feet AND cheese).ti,ab	6	▼ Apply Limits	⊗

Combine selected AND OR To combine two line numbers using NOT, enter the line numbers in the search box below: for example 1 NOT 2

You are currently searching Medline Search another ? > Re-run all line numbers or > Re-run selected line numbers

- Give your search strategy a name, and click "save search and create alert"

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Home » Database select » Search results » Save Current Search

Save Current Search

Cancel Search Name: cheesy feet PhD Save **Save & Create Alert**

Your current search history	Database
(feet AND cheese).ti,ab	MEDLINE

- chose the options that suit you best:
 - Change the email address results are sent to
 - Chose the document type: eg PDF, .doc, HTML, RIS file
 - Amount of detail – “medium” will include the abstract.
- Save Alert

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Create Alert

Alert Definition

Alert name: cheesy feet PhD

Search name: cheesy feet PhD

Email to address(es): iik21@cam.ac.uk

Email reply-to address: iik21@cam.ac.uk

Document type: Pdf

Frequency of Alert: Weekly

Detail type: Small

Include Search History:

Cancel Save Alert

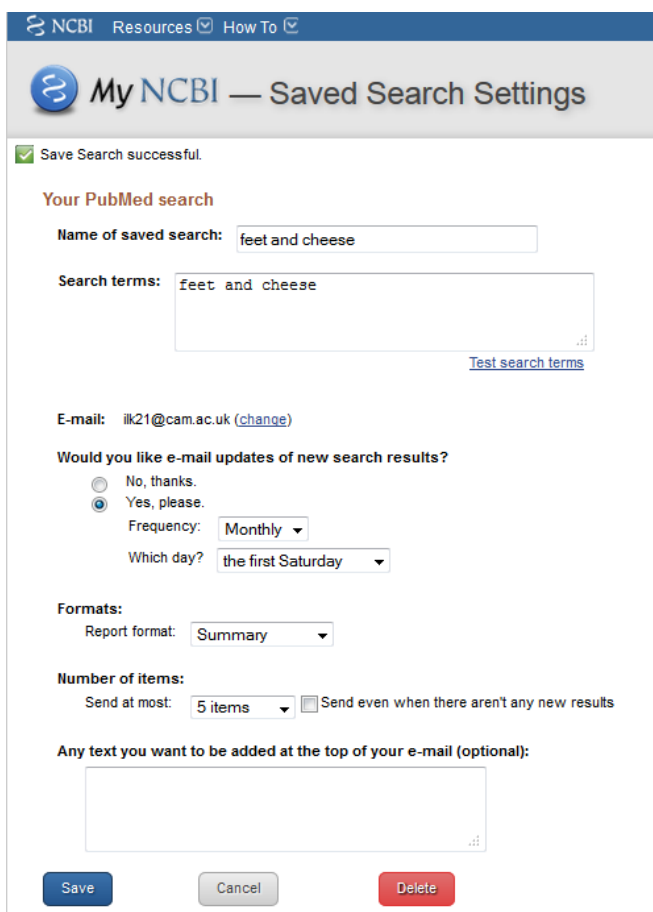
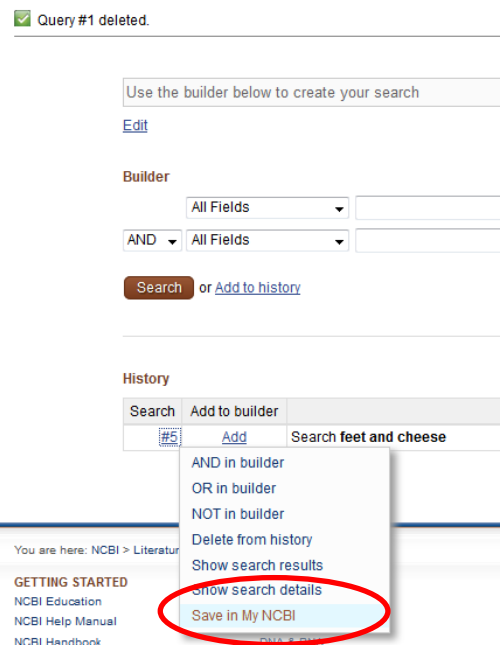
.....for PubMed

- Go to <http://www.pubmed.gov>
- Search for the topic of your choice, and click "save search"



- Alternatively, if you're already using the "Advanced" search, click on the line number (eg #5) and pick "save in My NCBI"
- log in - use/create a MyNCBI login, or use an existing Google username.

PubMed Advanced Search Builder



- Give your search strategy a name, and click "save"
- Would you like e-mail updates of new search results? Chose "yes please"
 - chose the options that suit you best (Abstract is better than Summary)
 - "save"

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- [Teach Yourself guide to PubMed](#)

.....for Databases via OVID

- OVID is not the database, but the interface that you use to search a particular database. University of Cambridge RAVEN holders access EMBASE via OVID. Click <http://tinyurl.com/embaseovid> to get access.
- Login, perhaps using RAVEN if you're working "off campus"
- Search for the topic of your choice, when you hover over "more" you'll see the choice to set "auto-alert"

The screenshot shows the OvidSP search interface. At the top, there are logos for Wolters Kluwer Health and OvidSP, along with navigation links: My Account, My PayPerView, Support & Training, Help, and Logoff. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for Search, Journals, Books, Multimedia, and My Workspace. The main content area displays a search history table with one entry: a search for "(chocolate and heart disease).mp." with 70 results and an advanced search type. A context menu is open over the search entry, showing options: Delete, Save, Search History, Auto-Alert, and RSS Feed.

- Log in - you'll need to create a personal account, even though you've logged in with RAVEN.
- There are lots of options, but most important is to give your search strategy a name

The screenshot shows the 'AutoAlert Options' configuration page in OvidSP. At the top, it says 'Logged in as isla kuhn at uni of cambridge' and includes navigation links: My Account, Support & Training, Help, and Logoff. The page has tabs for Search, Journals, Books, Multimedia, and My Workspace. Below the tabs, there are fields for Search Name, Comment, and Type (set to AutoAlert (SDI)), with a Save button. The main configuration area includes:

- Scheduling Options:** Radio buttons for On Database Update[?], Quarterly, Monthly - on day 1, Every other week - on Monday, and Weekly - on Monday.
- Deduping Options:** A checkbox and a dropdown menu set to 90 Days.
- Include Open Access Results:** A checked checkbox.
- Delivery Options:** Radio buttons for Email (checked), RSS, and My Projects.
- Email Address & Subject:** Fields for Recipient's Email Address (jlk21@cam.ac.uk) and Email Subject (OvidSP Results).
- Email Options:** Radio buttons for Inline (checked) and As an Attachment (Ovid Result Format only).
- Output Type:** Radio buttons for HTML (Ovid Result Format only), ASCII (checked), and EXCEL (Ovid Result Format only).
- Include Strategy:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Include external resolver link:** An unchecked checkbox.

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