Adding New Filter Options

After you execute a search, PubMed offers several filters with which to limit your results. There are two ways you can modify the displayed filters.

Add more choices under a specific filter

For example, under Article types, only two choices are visible. To add more:

1. On the left-hand side of the screen, under Article types, choose Customize.

2. In the window that appears, scroll down and check the box next to any article types you wish to display. (I recommend Randomized Controlled Trial as a very useful option when searching for IMRAD articles.) Then click the blue Show button.
Add more filter options

Article types, Publication date, and a few other filters are automatically displayed. To add more filters:

1. Below all the visible filters, you’ll see a link for Show additional filters. Click that link.

2. A box of Additional filters will appear. Check the ones that interest you, then click the Show button. (Some useful filters seen here include Sex and Ages, if you’re trying to limit to a particular patient population.)

3. Remember, you may still need to customize an individual filter to add specific choices.