

# PubMed LinkOut FAQ

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## What is LinkOut?

LinkOut is a feature of PubMed that provides links to web-accessible resources directly from PubMed citations. You can use LinkOut to determine whether Burlew Medical Library provides electronic full text for a journal article and/or whether the article is available in a printed journal in the library.

You can also use LinkOut to discover links to other useful online resources.

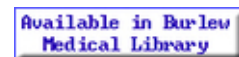
## How do I know if Burlew Medical Library has the full text online or in print?

When you enter PubMed through the "PubMed" link in the Research Databases area of the Burlew Medical Library's webpage, you will see Burlew Medical Library 's icons on citations for which Burlew Medical Library provides electronic full text or print copies of the article.

If the library has access to electronic full text, you will see this icon:



If the library has the article in a print journal, you will see this icon:



## How do I "turn on" the Burlew Medical Library's LinkOut icons in PubMed?


There are three ways to see the Burlew Medical Library's icons in PubMed.


1. Always enter PubMed through the "PubMed" link on the Burlew Medical Library website.
2. Always enter PubMed through this special URL:  
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?myncbishare=caosjhib>.
3. Use your My NCBI account:
  - o Sign in to My NCBI
  - o Click on "Search Filters" in the blue sidebar menu
  - o Select PubMed from the list of databases
  - o Click on the "Search for Filters" tab
  - o Enter Burlew Medical Library in the search box and click "Go"
  - o Click the checkbox below PubMed filters for "Add as a filter."
  - o Click the checkbox next to "Add a link icon."

## Where can I see the icons?

Search PubMed as usual. Then, select Abstract from the Display dropdown menu and apply that setting using the Apply icon. You will see Burlew Medical Library's icons. The icons appear on citations from the library's subscribed journals only. To see the icons, you MUST enter PubMed using one of the three methods listed [above](#).

## What do the icons do?

Click  to view the electronic full text of the article. When you click this icon, you leave PubMed and are directed to the full-text provider's site.

Click  for information about the library's print collection of that journal.

If you see both icons, it means that the library has the article in print and online.

## What electronic journals are available through LinkOut?

Burlew Medical Library's electronic full-text icon will appear on citations if:

1. Burlew Medical Library has access to the electronic journal through a subscription or licensing agreement

**AND**

2. The publisher or agent with which Burlew Medical Library has an agreement provides links to PubMed for the journal.

You can also find links to free full text in PubMed. Look for this link in the Summary display: (**Free Article** or **Free PMC Article**.) This indicates that there is a link to free full text on the citation.

## **Some records show an icon that is not Burlew Medical Library's icon. What does this mean?**

You may see icons that are not Burlew Medical Library's icons. These link to the full text at the publisher's site. Some articles may be available free of charge, however many publishers require a subscription to the journal or provide access to the article for a fee.

For best results, always click on Burlew Medical Library's icon to access the full text or look for the free full text link (**Free Article** or **Free PMC Article**) in the Summary display. If there is no Burlew Medical Library icon and the full text is not freely available, you may be able to [access the full text in another way](#).

## **Can I limit my search to items available through Burlew Medical Library?**

### **Answer #1: For libraries that use myncbishare**

When you enter "turn on" the library icons, as described [above](#), you will see Burlew Medical Library's filter tab in your search result. Click this tab to view citations that are available through Burlew Medical Library.

Another way to limit your search is to use a filter tab in My NCBI. To do this:

- Sign in to My NCBI
- Click on "Search Filters" in the blue sidebar menu
- Select PubMed from the list of databases
- Click on the "Search for Filters" tab
- Enter Burlew Medical Library in the search box and click "Go"
- Click the checkbox below PubMed filters for "Add as a filter."
- Click the checkbox next to "Add a link icon."

## **How can I view full text from off-campus?**

Users can access the full text of Burlew Medical Library's online journals via PubMed by visiting the Library's [website](#) and clicking on the PubMed link under "Research Databases".

## **Why can I view the full text for some issues of a journal and not for others?**

Access to full text is determined by the terms of a subscription license or contract between Burlew Medical Library and the full-text provider. The full-text provider determines which years and issues are available on the Internet and the cost of accessing these issues.

Additionally, full-text providers may choose not to provide links in PubMed for certain volumes, issues, or articles. Reasons for this vary, but typically full text may not be available for some material, including very new citations, letters, and editorials.

## **Why don't I get the full text when I click on the Print icon?**

The Print icon indicates that the library has the volume and issue for the citation available in print. You will need to visit the library in person to view the print copy of the journal and photocopy your article, or you can request to have a scanned copy of the article emailed to you by contacting us.

## **I know we have full text access to a journal, but I don't see the Burlew Medical Library icon in PubMed. Why?**

Library links are created using information submitted to LinkOut by full-text providers. If a full-text provider does not submit linking information, library links cannot be made.

Some of the reasons why your icons may not be appearing on a journal are:

- You have not "turned on" the LinkOut icons. Try entering PubMed through one of the methods described [here](#).
- Some full-text providers are not yet LinkOut participants. Burlew Medical Library's subscription may be from a provider that does not participate in LinkOut. You can check [CyBurCat](#) (Burlew Medical Library's online catalog) or A-Z Online Journal list to see if the article is available.
- You may be looking at a very new citation, or a citation for which the provider has not submitted links to LinkOut.
- LinkOut may be experiencing technical difficulties.

## **What if I don't see Burlew Medical Library's icon, but I want the full text?**

Visit the Burlew Medical Library's [website](#) and fill out the article/book request form or send your request directly to [Danielle.Linden@stjoe.org](mailto:Danielle.Linden@stjoe.org).

## **How can I use LinkOut to find resources other than full text?**

Links to other resources are located in the LinkOut display. You can access the LinkOut display by selecting "LinkOut-more resources" near the bottom of the abstract.

## **What if I need more help?**

Contact Burlew Medical Library's Reference Desk at 714-771-8291 or [Danielle.Linden@stjoe.org](mailto:Danielle.Linden@stjoe.org) if you need assistance or wish to report a problem.