





Why My NCBI?

The value of having an account and how to get one

First, a little background...

- National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) is part of the National Library of Medicine (NLM); which in turn is one of the many agencies and organizations in the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- NCBI homepage: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>
- Over 60+ databases available, including more familiar ones like:
 -  PubMed; <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>
 -  Medical Subject Headings (MeSH); <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/>
 - And many, many others! See here of list of them all: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/guide/all/>

My NCBI Dashboard

My NCBI Account

- What is it?
 - Personalized account to use with all NCBI databases
- Why is having an account useful?
 - Allows you to:
 - Save searches
 - Create alerts, which as saved searches that run periodically and get sent to you via email
 - Save collections
 - Save site preferences for the databases and more!
- How does it relate to PubMed?
 - Your experience using PubMed and other databases can be personalized
- Where can I find out more information?
 - My NCBI Help is available via the NLM Bookshelf:
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK3843/>
- Where can I get updates about My NCBI or other tools and tips when using the PHDL? See our bog: [PHDL Me This!](#)

The screenshot displays the My NCBI dashboard with the following sections:

- Saved Searches:** A table listing saved searches with columns for Search Name, What's New, and Last Searched. It includes sections for GEO DataSets Searches and PubMed Searches.
- Recent Activity:** A table showing recent activity with columns for Time, Database, Type, and Term. It lists various actions like record viewing and search activities.
- Collections:** A table listing collections with columns for Collection Name, Items, Settings-Sharing, and Type. It includes a 'Favorites' section and various search collections.
- Filters:** A section for managing filters for PubMed (9 active), showing a list of active filters with checkboxes and their types.

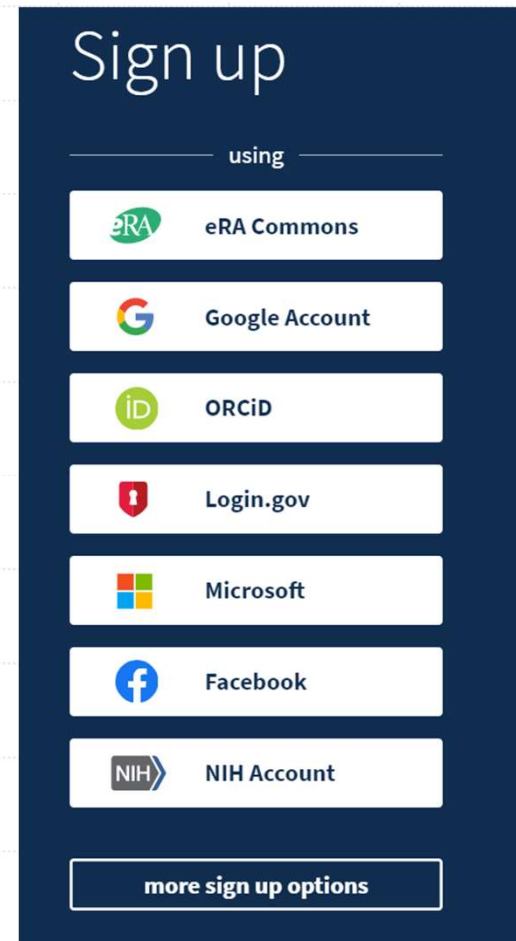


Let's get your new account created!

- If you already have an account and have not connected since the change you will be asked to link your current account to a third-party account such as Google, Microsoft or Facebook.
- If you are creating a new account, you need to decide which third-party option will link to your new My NCBI account. If you prefer you can create a login.gov account.
- This video provides more details on all the necessary steps for linking accounts:
 - [NCBI Minute: Logging into / creating a new account](#) (video)
 - [NCBI Account Login Changes FAQs](#)
 - [My NCBI Login Transition Tips](#)

To create an account:

- Go to pubmed.gov and click on 'Log in' at the top right corner
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on 'Sign up' link
- Per the image on the right here, select with third-party account you link to your new My NCBI account.
- If you are not already logged into your third-party account, you will be prompted.
- Once logged in you should be set with your new account.





For more help...

- With your My NCBI account or My NCBI in general visit:
<https://support.nlm.nih.gov/knowledgebase/category/?id=CAT-01238>
- Using PubMed: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/help/>
- Using the PHDL, log into your PHDL account and visit the help page:
 - <https://nphco.libguides.com/c.php?g=944536&p=7012976>
- If you still have questions, please contact us by emailing: phdl@umassmed.edu