

Accessing Online Journal Articles through PubMed

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This help sheet will help you make sense of the many full-text (or other) icons in PubMed.

When looking at references in PubMed, there are an assortment of icons giving indications of whether the article is available full-text online. The full range of icons will appear when using display formats **Abstract** or **Citation** from the **Display** drop down menu.

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General Tips for Finding Full Text Articles in PubMed

- The Mulford Library does not have access to all electronic journals in PubMed. Most electronic journals are by subscription only and the Mulford Library does not subscribe to all journals in PubMed.
- It is best to first choose the OLinks icon when looking for the full text version of an article. If the OLinks icon does not work, then try the Free Full Text icons or the publisher's Full Text icons. These different icons are explained on page 2.
- If you have any questions about full-text articles in PubMed or need help obtaining an article, contact Mulford Reference Assistance at (419) 383-4218 or MulfordReference@utoledo.edu. For additional reference options, including chat reference, see the Ask-A-Librarian page (<http://www.utoledo.edu/library/mulford/resources.html>).

Mulford and OhioLINK Icons



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Full Text from Publisher's Web Site Icons

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- If the Library has online access to a journal, clicking on the publisher/aggregator button **may** connect you to the full text of the article.
- If the button does not connect directly to the free full text, it may take you to a login page for individual subscribers and an option for non-subscribers to enter a credit card number to purchase the article. Do not buy a copy of the article; instead, **return to PubMed and use the OLinks link**.

For Additional Help

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