



TIP SHEET PUBMED LINKOUT

What is LinkOut?

LinkOut is a feature of the PubMed database that allows you to move directly from your search results to the full-text of the article. You no longer have to leave PubMed, go to our electronic journals page, and connect to full-text from there. You can do it in one easy step.

How does it work?

- , **Connect to PubMed from the Library's web page.** (<http://www.sunyopt.edu/library/libhome.shtml>) This is a specially configured version of PubMed that will allow you direct access to SUNY Optometry's electronic journal collection. You won't notice any difference; it looks just like the PubMed you know.
- , **Execute your search.** Your citations will appear on screen.
- , When you come to a citation of interest, **click either the link** (usually the line above with author names) **or the icon to the left.** The abstract (if there is one) will be displayed.
- , Look directly above the abstract (or citation, if no abstract is available for the citation you've selected.) **If we have access to the full-text article, you will see the SUNY Optometry "bookmark" icon.**



- , **Click on the "bookmark" icon** and you will link directly to the full-text article.

A few issues to keep in mind...

- , **LinkOut** will only work if you connect through the Library's web site. If you go directly to PubMed (www.pubmed.gov), you will not be able to utilize this feature.

- , Sometimes you will see a publisher's icon that says "Full-Text Available". That does not mean that we can access it, it simply means that it is available to libraries that have paid for it. Make sure to look for the "**bookmark**" icon for journals that are available to the SUNY Optometry community.

- , If a journal requires a user ID and password, you will still need to enter it. **LinkOut** will not bypass authentication requirements.

We hope you enjoy this new feature! If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to contact a Library staff member.