PubMed offers two main ways to narrow your search results:

**1) PubMed Filters**

Filters are utilized **before** you search. They are located on the left side of the results page. The filter menu is **customizable** and several of the filters can be further adjusted to your needs as well. Available filters include date range, study type, ages, species, and more. If you want to start a new search, be sure to **clear/deactivate** any filters you do not want to apply to that search.

**2) Field Tags**

Field tags can be used directly in the search query to limit your results **before** you search. Field tags are words or **abbreviations** in square brackets and are added directly **after** the term in question. For example, Smith[au] will return only results that have “Smith” somewhere in the author field. Other commonly used field tags are [ti] (title), [ab] (abstract), [ot] (other terms), and [la] (language).

