# How PubMed Works: Automatic Term Mapping Handout

## Search Examples

1. backache
2. New England Journal of Medicine
3. Cell
4. Juan Gomez-Reino
5. Gomez-Reino J
6. pressure point
7. dog wheelchair
8. 0000-0001-8996-3513

## Exercises

1. What are the three translation tables that Automatic Term Mapping (ATM) tries to map your search terms to? Please list them in the order they are checked.
Answer:
2. What are the nine places that the Subject Translation table includes to find a match for your search term?
Answer:
3. What are the three journal title formats that ATM is programmed to recognize?
Answer:
4. The author index contains all author names in the database. (True or False)
Answer:
5. What is the author-name format that NLM suggests using to run the most comprehensive author search?
Answer:
6. When did the full author-name index begin?
Answer:
7. What is the name of the PubMed feature that includes a list of phrases that are indexed in PubMed?
Answer:
8. What are three ways to bypass or turn off ATM?
Answer:

## Additional Resources

[PubMed [All Fields] Definition](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/help/#all)

[Learn more about the Unified Medical Language System (UMLS)](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/knowledge_sources/metathesaurus/index.html)

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[UMLS Metathesaurus Vocabulary Documentation](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/sourcereleasedocs/index.html)

[PubMed Computed Author Sort (name disambiguation)](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/mj12/mj12_pm_author_ranking.html)

[Best Match Sort](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/help/#best-match-algorithm)

[Proximity searching in PubMed](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/nd22/nd22_pubmed_proximity_search_available.html)

[Proximity searching and Affiliation](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/ja23/ja23_pubmed_proximity_searching_affiliation.html)

[Open Research and Contributor ID (ORCID)](https://orcid.org)

[MeSH Changes and PubMed Searching On-Demand](https://www.nnlm.gov/training/class/medical-subject-heading-mesh-changes-and-pubmed-searching-demand-0)

[How PubMed Works On-Demand](https://www.nnlm.gov/training/class-catalog/how-pubmedr-works-demand)

[Recordings of NLM Office Hours](https://www.nnlm.gov/training/class-catalog/nlm-office-hours)

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