

Alerts help you save time and stay current with topics that matter to you.

A database can automatically search for articles pertaining to topics related to your interests and regularly email citations and abstracts to you.

You have several options for setting up alerts:

Direct Emails: Many of the resources offered by the Library allow you to set up alerts that can be emailed directly to you. **Depending upon the resource, alerts can be set up for either searches or cited references.** The following are resources with alert features examples:

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| EMBASE | Register to save searches from international literature in biomedicine and pharmacology. Alerts are emailed weekly. |
| MyNCBI via PubMed | Register to save PubMed searches and article citations, set search filters and document delivery settings, and specify other settings. Alerts can be emailed daily, weekly, or monthly. |
| Ovid | Choose to connect to an Ovid database (AGRICOLA, MEDLINE, HAPI, PsycINFO) and register for a Personal Account . This account allows you to save searches and have results regularly emailed to you. Frequency varies by database. |
| ScienceDirect | Register to save searches from scientific literature published by Elsevier. Citation alerts are also available. All alerts may be emailed weekly or monthly. Table of contents for journals may also be emailed as issues are published. |
| Scopus | Uses the same registration as ScienceDirect. Register to save searches from research literature and set alerts. Citation alerts are also available. All alerts may be emailed daily, weekly, or monthly. |
| Web of Knowledge | Register to save Biological Abstracts and Web of Science searches for articles and cited references. Alerts are emailed weekly or monthly. |
| Electronic Journals | Many electronic journals will allow you to be notified via email when a new issue is available and receive tables of contents. You will need to register with each journal provider. |

Mediated Alerts: The Library can set up alerts and have the results emailed to you. To set up this service, you can complete the [electronic form](#) and check "Yes" when asked if you want the search as an alert. A librarian will complete an initial search from the database of your choice and send the results to you to make sure that the search is finding what you want. At that time you can specify how often you want to receive the alerts, etc. Depending upon the resource, alerts can be sent weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually.

Questions: Contact the Biosciences Informationist (brandenburgm@mail.nih.gov or x5846) for more information about any of these services.