How do I Export PubMed Citations into RefWorks?

The results of a search can be imported from PubMed to RefWorks. Make your selections to be imported and follow these directions:

1. Once you have selected the records to keep, change the “Display Settings” to the “MEDLINE” option and “Apply”.

2. A new page will open with the selected records in plain text MEDLINE format.

3. Use the Browser’s “Edit” menu option to “Select All” and then select “Copy”.


5. Login to your RefWorks account with your username and password. (If you are a new user, you may sign up for your individual account from a link on this page).

6. Once you have successfully opened your account, select “References...Import” to open the RefWorks Import Form.

7. Select the “NLM PubMed filter” in the first pull down menu (Import Filter/ Data Source).

8. Make sure that “PubMed” is shown in the “Database” box.

9. Then select “Import Data from the following text”.

10. Use your browser's edit menu to “Paste” the text in this box.

11. At the bottom of the form, click the “Import” button.

12. After a few seconds, the computer will display: “Importing references, please wait...” A series of asterisks will appear one by one. After they stop appearing, RefWorks will tell you how many records were imported.

13. Click “View last imported folder” to see your imported citations, and add them to a “Folder” of your choice.