

initiative comes in the wake of failure of multiple attempts to lure medical graduates to rural areas. The MCI has also approved the curriculum with the course to be held in two phases, the first in a Community health facility and second in a Secondary level hospital. The aim is to encourage

students from rural areas who are willing to live and work in rural areas rather than coercing city slickers to do their bit for the country (*The Times of India* 6 February 2010).

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### NEW PUBMED INTERFACE: A PEDIATRICIAN'S PERSPECTIVE

We all woke up to the new PubMed interface in late October, 2009. The interface of the Pubmed has now been simplified, while still maintaining its functionalities. Major changes include (a) Limits, Preview/Index, History and Details tabs are consolidated in Advanced Search; (b) Display, Show and Sort By drop-down menus have been consolidated into Display Settings; (c) Links, such as Clinical Queries, Single Citation Matcher, Journals database, and MeSH, are now at the bottom of the Advanced Search screen. Help is located at the top of every page; (d) Limits Indicator and Results filters have been moved to the right side of results pages; (e) For printing, we now need to use our browser print function; and (f) display formats are modified to now include: Summary, Abstract, Abstract Text, MEDLINE and XML. Brief, Citation, and AbstractPlus formats are no longer

available. One of the most helpful new features is the auto-suggestions when entering search terms. This can help with spelling, give search term ideas, and save time by reducing the amount of typing. Find **Related Data** has replaced the database "Links" selections previously available on the Display pull-down menu on the right lower side.

Summary of changes from National Library of Medicine is available from [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/so09/so09\\_pm\\_redesign.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/so09/so09_pm_redesign.html). An instructive video on the newer interface can be viewed at <http://www.shockmd.com/2009/10/25/instructive-video-about-pubmed-redesign/>. There is still a general feeling that the new interface has not completely used the available Web 2.0 technologies and a user designed personal default page option is still missing.

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