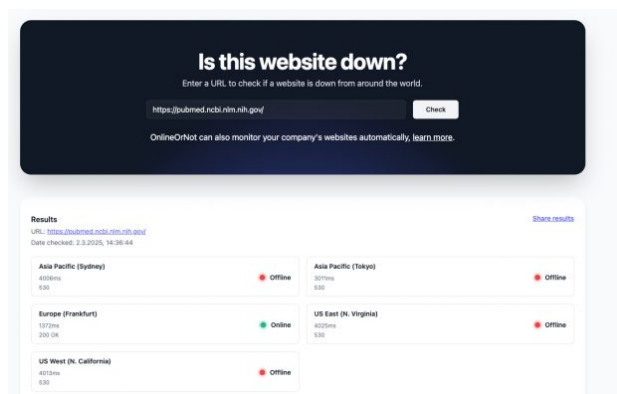


NOTEWORTHY

PUBMED ALREADY DYING?

2.03.2025

Pubmed is again down today following some cryptic messages last week.



*Pubmed not accessible. I don't believe in any geo block.
Maybe a DDOS attack?*

Medpage has a [longer article](#) discussing the fate of the database given the fact that the Trump administration has signaled its hostility to the NIH and research in general.

1. Make it inaccessible. ... This one is straightforward: lay off everyone involved in maintaining PubMed and take it offline.
2. Stop updating it. Similar to the first one ... stop adding new publications to the database...
3. Change the indexing system for journals. This could be weaponized to punish journals... [for] research on certain health policies and populations, and so on.
4. Strip the indexing system for journals. .. This would be the "flood the zone" method. ... This would remove the limited safeguards we have in place so no quality checks would exist at all.
5. Remake it. Delete what you don't like...

I think this is an emergency call for the EU to fund future Pubmed indexing.

Things to do now

- let <https://dnschecker.org/#A/pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov> do the job
- run standard searches “[transgender diversity](#)” and “[women equal opportunities](#)” for comparison to March 3, 2025

The screenshot shows the PubMed interface with the search term "transgender diversity". The results page displays 3,396 results. On the left, there is a "RESULTS BY YEAR" bar chart showing a significant increase in publications starting around 2015 and peaking in 2025. The top result is titled "Trans in treatment: a mixed-method systematic review on the psychotherapeutic experiences of transgender and gender diverse people." by Mezzalana S, Carone N, Bochicchio V, Villani S, Cruciani G, Quintigliano M, Scandurra C. It is dated 2025 Feb 28 and has a PMID of 40019470. The abstract mentions that transgender and/or non-binary (TNB) individuals encounter a variety of attitudes from mental healthcare professionals in therapeutic contexts, ranging from microaffirmations to the reinforcement of cis- and heteronormative stereotypes and even overtly invalidating behavior.

The screenshot shows the PubMed interface with the search term "women equal opportunity". The results page displays 1,414 results. On the left, there is a "RESULTS BY YEAR" bar chart showing a steady increase in publications over time, with a notable peak in 2025. The top result is titled "Perceived sexual harassment and gender differences in anesthesiology: a cross-sectional survey." by Shenoy R, Harter R, Uribe A, Abdel-Rasoul M, Tishko J, Weaver T, Stein E. It is dated 2025 Feb 12 and has a PMID of 40013046. The abstract states that most studies investigating sexual harassment (SH) have found that women report higher rates of SH experiences compared to men, with documented incidences reaching as high as 81%. Around 40.1% of respondents indicated that they did not react to or report SH events, with a significantly high ...

Update 3.3.2025

With the help of chatGPT, the log files at zonemaster.net and [hacker news](https://hackernews.com), the most likely scenario is now a misconfigured firewall upfront of the 3 NIH name server. Can also confirm that the search for “transgender” at nih.gov is redirected to the search page.

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