Who is Myobase made for?

If you are personally affected by a neuromuscular disorder, a health professional, a therapist, a psychologist... Myobase meets your informational needs.

- Are you a physician or a scientist?
  - Click on the “MEDICINE AND SCIENCE” tab and find all our documents on your field, Myobase alerts, the neuromuscular alert, the classification of neuromuscular disorders, RSS feeds, bibliographies...

- Are you a therapist or a psychologist?
  - Click on the “PHYSIOTHERAPY”, “OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY”, “PSYCHOLOGY” tab and find all our documents on your field, Myobase alerts, RSS feeds, tag clouds, bibliographies...

- Are you a psychosocial worker?
  - Click on the “DISABILITY” tab and find all our documents about psychosocial aspects of neuromuscular disorders and their related disabilities.

- Are you personally affected by a neuromuscular disorder?
  - In addition to the various tabs, AFM-Télét hon PUBLICATIONS and NEWS IN BRIEF are on great interest to you.

Scientific articles: what is the added value of Myobase relatively to Pubmed?

References of scientific articles are included into Myobase from a Pubmed search on neuromuscular disorders, published twice a month as a Neuromuscular Alert.

AFM-Téléthon’s physicians and science writers select the most relevant references to be included into Myobase (more than 80 every month). Some of those references are provided with a synthesis in French, the News in Brief.

How unique are Myobase’s contents?

Myobase’s contents are unique as they include the results of a daily screening of specialized journals and the Internet about medical and scientific aspects of neuromuscular disorders, but also the disabilities (motor, visual, intellectual, etc.) and psychological situations they are associated with.

In addition to 2/3 of scientific articles and related news in brief, Myobase provides access to an extensive body of grey literature:
- **Books**, many theses and dissertations in full text;
- All publications edited by AFM-Téléthon for health professionals or people with neuromuscular disorders and their relations;
- Association guides in French and English;
- Institutional reports on rare diseases and disability policy.

### Can I get access to full text documents?

Since most journal articles are under copyright, we cannot include their full text in Myobase. Nonetheless:

- When the full text is in open access, you can download it from Myobase (click on at the bottom of every reference).
- When the full text is not in open access, the Myobase reference features a link towards the Pubmed abstract and DOI*. Pubmed then provides a shortcut to the full text on major web portals, and you may download them there if you have got an access.

* DOI: **Digital object identifier**, a serial code for the permanent identification of an object.

### Why is searching Myobase effective and easy? The point of using keywords

Every document in our collection is individually processed by an information scientist for indexation, i.e. adding keywords. Those keywords are gathered in our thesaurus, an ordered directory of controlled terms. This system enables you to use all kinds of French or English synonyms in your search and get the relevant information.

- For instance, to search about **Steinert myotonic dystrophy**, you can use any of the following synonyms, OMIM or ORPHA codes (or just parts of them) and get a list of all our references about Steinert myotonic dystrophy:

  \[\text{syndrome de Curshmann-Steinert} ; \]
  \[\text{DM1} ; \]
  \[\text{DYSTROPHIA MYOTONICA 1} ; \]
  \[\text{dystrophie musculaire de Steinert} ; \]
  \[\text{dystrophie myotonique de type 1} ; \]
  \[\text{maladie de Steinert} ; \]
  \[\text{MYOTONIC DYSTROPHY 1} ; \]
  \[\text{myotonic dystrophy of Curschmann-Steinert} ; \]
  \[\text{myotonic dystrophy type 1} ; \]
  \[\text{myotonie de Steinert} ; \]
  \[\text{OMIM 160900} ; \]
  \[\text{type I myotonic dystrophy} ; \]
  \[\text{Steinert myotonic dystrophy} ; \]
  \[\text{ORPHA 273} ; \]
  \[\text{MD1 atrophia myotonica} \]
• Same if you search with:
  
  DM1
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  steinert
  273
  160900

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Create a Myobase account *(top-right corner of the homepage)* and get news of Myobase right into your mailbox!

You can:

• **Subscribe to Myobase alerts** > [How to subscribe to alerts](#)

• Create your personal alerts and RSS-feeds from the list of search results.

**What is the value of the thesaurus of neuromuscular disorders?**

The thesaurus includes two classifications of neuromuscular disorders: by clinical signs on the one hand, by implied proteins on the other hand. It is updated as our knowledge of the diseases evolves on the basis of Myobase-included articles.