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Getting started with…
Selecting the Best Database

Cochrane Library Databases
www.thecochranelibrary.com

CDSR (Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews) The leading resource for systematic reviews in healthcare, this database contains over 6300 systematic reviews and more than 2300 protocols dating from 1996.

Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (Central) A register of controlled clinical trials incorporating records from multiple databases (principally Medline and Embase) as well as unpublished reports. Includes over 700,000 records dating from 1898.

Centre for Reviews and Dissemination https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb/
The Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE) and the NHS Economic Evaluation Database (NHS EED) provide access to:
- Over 35,000 quality assessed systematic reviews of health and social care interventions
- Summaries of all Cochrane systematic reviews and protocols up to March 2015
Over 17,000 economic evaluations of health and social care interventions

Knowledge where it’s needed.

Further Help: Please contact the Library Staff for more information. Training can be organised to suit individual or team circumstances.

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01202 704270

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For easy links to resources and the latest library news visit the library webpage at:
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Which Database

There are a number of different databases available, all covering slightly different subject matter, this guide will explain their subject coverage and help you select the best for your search.

Many of these databases require a NHS OpenAthens user name and password.

If you do not have an OpenAthens password register at: https://openathens.nice.org.uk/

Finding the databases

Navigate to these databases from our webpage at: https://dorsetnhs.libguides.com or go directly via the URLs shown.

Healthcare Databases Advanced Search (HDAS)
https://hdas.nice.org.uk/

HDAS gives you easy access to 8 databases, you will need to login with your OpenAthens password.

AMED (Allied and Complementary Medicine) 1985 – present (supplied by OVID)

Covering over 500 English and European journals relating to complementary medicine, palliative care, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, rehabilitation, podiatry and professions allied to medicine.

BNI (British Nursing Index) 1992 – present (supplied by ProQuest)

Containing content from over 270 English language UK Nursing journals it covers all aspects of nursing, midwifery and community healthcare including; A&E, mental health, primary care, neonatal, cancer, theatres and orthopaedic nursing.

EMCARE 1995 – present (supplied by Ovid)

Cited to be ‘the best scholarly nursing and Allied health research experience’, Emcare offers access to content ranging from Nursing, Administration and Management, Palliative Care and Public Health to name but a few. Nearly 5 million records dating back to 1995.

CINAHL Plus with FT (Cumulative Index of Nursing & Allied Health) 1981 – present (supplied by Ebsco)

This US focused database contains materials from over 4900 journals, theses and pamphlets covering all aspects of nursing and allied health. Areas covered include; cardiopulmonary, emergency services, medical/laboratory technology, occupational therapy, physical therapy and rehabilitation, radiologic technology, respiratory therapy, speech-language, nutrition and dietetics.

EMBASE 1974 – present

With an international focus, this biomedical and pharmacological database covers over 3500 different journals many not covered by Medline. Drugs, pharmacology and substance abuse are particularly well covered, as well as toxicology, clinical and experimental human medicine, health policy and management, public health, occupational health, environmental health and psychiatry.

HMIC (Health Management Information Consortium) 1979 – present

A compilation of information from the Dept of Health and the King’s Fund Information and library services, this database provides access to over 200,000 records including books, pamphlets and grey literature covering health service policy, management and administration with an emphasis on the National Health Service.

MEDLINE 1950 – present (supplied by ProQuest)

This US focused database produced by the National Library of Medicine and contains more than 23 million abstracts from over 4000 journals. It covers all fields within biomedicine including specialties such as cardiology.

PsycINFO 1806 – present (supplied by ProQuest)

Containing extensive international coverage on literature relating to psychology and allied fields. With more than 1800 peer-reviewed titles including journals, books and dissertations, along with behavioural literature from related disciplines such as education and healthcare.

Other healthcare databases

PEDro - www.pedro.org.au

The Physiotherapy Evidence Database provides access to over 29,000 independently quality assessed abstracts of randomised controlled trials, systematic reviews and evidence-based clinical practice guidelines in physiotherapy.

PubMed - www.pubmed.gov

Provided by the US National Library of Medicine this free resource enables you to search MEDLINE citations and other biomedical articles.

TRIP - http://www.tripdatabase.com

This clinical search engine is designed to allow users to quickly and easily find high-quality research evidence to support their practice and/or care.

OTseeker - http://www.otseeker.com

This database containing abstracts of systematic reviews, randomised controlled trials and other resources relevant to occupational therapy interventions.

ClinicalKey - https://www.clinicalkey.com

This database brings together content from the medical publisher Elsevier. Giving fulltext access to the last 7 years of content from over 600 journal titles and 1200 e-books including The Lancet and Journal of Emergency Medicine.