Introduction to literature searching:
iSkills workbook for OUH staff

Search tools: Subscription resources

All the books, journals and databases listed below are available with an NHS username and password. Complete the online form to register.

Books & Journals
- Journals A-Z
- A number of book collections are available via MyAthens – including EbookCentral, Oxford Handbooks Online and Oxford Medicine Online

Bibliographic databases
For a full list of databases, view My resources on MyAthens

- General health & medicine – use Medline (OvidSP), Embase (OvidSP)...
- Health Management – use HMIC Health Management Information Consortium (OvidSP)
- Nursing & allied health – use AMED (OvidSP), British Nursing Index (Proquest), CINAHL (EBSCOHost), EmCare (OvidSP)...
- Psychology & Psychiatry – use PsycINFO (OvidSP)...

For advice on choosing appropriate databases to search for you review, just contact your outreach or subject librarian
Search tools: Freely available resources

Bibliographic databases
- Cochrane Library – for systematic reviews and trials
- Global Index Medicus - for research from LMICs
- PubMed – for general health & medicine

Evidence gateways for health care
- Epistemonikos
- NICE Evidence Search
- TRIP database

Full-text databases
- Europe PMC - for general health & medicine
- Google Scholar – multi-disciplinary
- LENS.org – multi-disciplinary
- PubMed Central - for general health & medicine

Preprint archives
- bioRxiv - biology
- medRxiv – health sciences

Preprints also included in Europe PMC and Google Scholar – see links above

Trial registers
- ClinicalTrial.gov
- WHO ICTRP

Trial protocols also included in Cochrane Library – see links above
Additional information:

Searching:

- Medical Sciences: [Research Resources](#) – see training & guides for videos
- [Online tutorials](#) from McMaster University: Health Sciences
- [Polyglot](#) via Systematic Review Accelerator – a tool for translating search strategies between databases

Managing your references

- [Managing your References LibGuide](#) – links to useful information and training materials
- [SRToolbox](#) for software tools to support the conduct of systematic reviews

Writing up your search

- [CRD’s guidance for undertaking reviews in health care](#) – Appendix 2 & 3