

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

- [NHS Knowledge and Library Hub](#)
- [Epistemonikos](#)
- [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
- Bramer WM, et.al. [A systematic approach to searching: an efficient and complete method to develop literature searches](#). Journal of the Medical Library Association. 2018;106(4).
- [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
- [SRTtoolbox](#) for software tools to support the conduct of systematic reviews

Writing up your search

- Rethlefsen M. et. al. [PRISMA-S: an extension to the PRISMA Statement for Reporting Literature Searches in Systematic Reviews](#). Syst Rev. 2021;10(1):39.
- [CRD's guidance for undertaking reviews in health care](#) – Appendix 2 & 3