Introduction to literature searching:
iSkills workbook for MSD students & researchers

Search tools: Subscription resources

Books & Journals
- Search via SOLO – access with your Oxford SSO
- How to search for books & journals - SOLO: Top tips

Bibliographic databases – Health Care

For a complete list see Databases A-Z (Subject: Medical Science) - access with your Oxford SSO

- General health & medicine – use Medline, Embase...
- Multidisciplinary – use Scopus, Web of Science Core Collection...
- Nursing & allied health – use AMED, CINAHL...
- Population health – Global Health...
- Psychology & Psychiatry – use PsycINFO...

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
- Searching skills toolkit: finding the evidence. De Brún, Caroline. | Pearce-Smith, Nicola | 2014 - access with your Oxford SSO
- 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
- Cite Them Right. (2018). Palgrave Macmillan (Firm) - access with your Oxford SSO
- SRTToolbox 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