

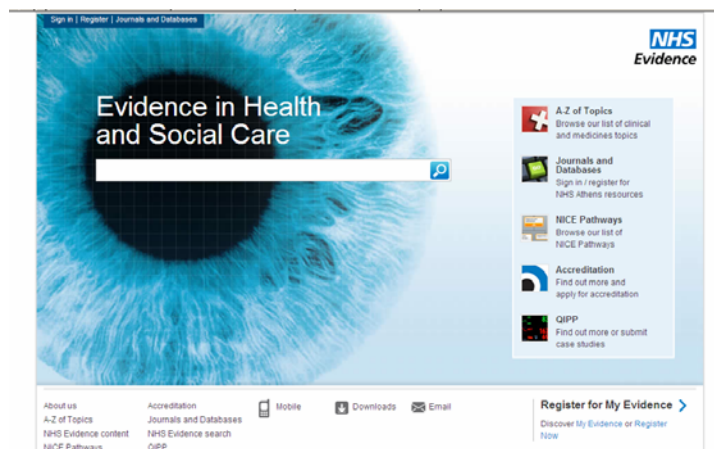
NHS Evidence: a quick guide

What is NHS Evidence?

NHS Evidence is a website that provides easy access to a high quality and comprehensive evidence base for everyone involved in health and social care.

NHS Evidence is provided by NICE (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence) and allows you to search a number of evaluated sites for evidence-based health and social care information.

NHS Evidence also provides access to specialist resources previously available through the National Library for Health (NLH), for example specialist collections, advanced healthcare databases (including Medline, Embase, Cinahl and others) and access to full text books and journals.



www.evidence.nhs.uk

How do I access NHS Evidence?

Go to www.evidence.nhs.uk. You do not need to register to search NHS Evidence, but you need an NHS Athens username and password in order to access full-text books and journals and to search advanced healthcare databases such as Medline, Embase and Cinahl.

For help with registering for an NHS Athens account, please see *Library Helpsheet 1: Creating and using your NHS Athens account*.

How do I search NHS Evidence?

NHS Evidence uses a simple Google-style search box.

For best results, use a few keywords from your search question, for example:

- Acupuncture in shoulder pain
- Ambulatory oxygen in COPD
- Early intervention in psychosis

SEARCH TIPS

- If you enter more than one term in the search box, NHS Evidence will search for documents that contain all those words
- You can use the Boolean operator OR to find articles that contain either term (e.g. lactation OR breastfeeding)
- To find phrases, type them in speech marks (e.g. "head injury")
- To find words with the same stem but different endings you can use a 'wildcard' by typing * (e.g. pregnan* will search for pregnant and pregnancy)



What do my results look like?

Your results are listed in the centre of the page. Results are shown in order of relevance, and 10 items are shown on each page.

If you have too many results, you can refine your search using the filters down the side of the page.

Filter your results by areas of interest, types of information, clinical queries, sources, medicines and devices or published date.

The screenshot shows the NHS Evidence search results for 'head injury'. On the left, there are filter options under 'Filter by' including 'Areas of interest', 'Types of information', 'Clinical queries', 'Sources', 'Medicines and devices', and 'Published date'. The main content area displays a list of search results, each with a title and a brief description. On the right, there is a 'Save & Share' section with options like 'Save this search', 'Save all results', 'Email to a colleague', 'Rate these results', and 'Bookmark'.

You have the option to e-mail your results to a colleague (or yourself).

In general, clicking on the title of the item will take you to the full text.

The screenshot shows the 'Head Injury: Introduction' page. The main content area contains text explaining the definition of a head injury according to NICE, symptoms, and assessment methods like the Glasgow Coma Scale. On the right, there is a vertical navigation menu with tabs for 'Introduction', 'Guidance', 'Commissioning', 'Information for the public', 'Ongoing Research', and 'Medicines'. At the bottom, there is a search bar and filter options.

Need a more in-depth search?

If you need to conduct a more in-depth search, click on A-Z of topics at the top right of the homepage.

Here you can type in your search term then review the different types of evidence by clicking on the tabbed pages.

Healthcare Databases Advanced Search

If you'd like to get access to individually published studies and journal articles via Medline, Embase, Cinahl and more), select **Journals and Databases** from the homepage and then click on **Advanced search**.

You'll need an NHS Athens login and password to access the full range of resources. Please see helpsheet #1 for details of how to register for an account.

The screenshot shows the 'Journals and Databases' section. It features two main options: 'Healthcare databases advanced search' and 'Journals'. The 'Healthcare databases advanced search' option includes a list of databases (AMED, British Nursing Index, CINAHL, EMBASE, HMC, MEDLINE, PsycINFO, Health Business Elite, NHS Athens) and a link to 'Simple search'. The 'Journals' option includes a link to 'Access journals' and 'Journals tables of content'.

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