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Why use Clinical Evidence?

- Source of the best available evidence on the effects of common clinical interventions
- Systematic reviews which summarise the current state of knowledge and uncertainty about the prevention and treatment of clinical conditions
- Based on thorough searches and appraisal of the literature

3 ways to find the evidence

- Browse by section
- Browse the full review list
- Or use the search tool

http://clinicalEvidence.bmj.com
Finding by section

Click on the ‘Sections’ heading and an alphabetical pop-up list of sections will appear. When you choose a section a new window appears showing the systematic reviews available.

Finding by listing

Click on the ‘Full review list’ heading and an alphabetical pop-up list of reviews will appear. By clicking on the alphabet bar at the top of this window you can easily access the available evidence.

Finding by searching

This facility is particularly valuable when searching for a treatment or condition that may appear in several different reviews e.g. Corticosteroids.

Results are ranked by relevance with a clear pathway that identifies where the results are located.
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Other useful resources

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<td>Summarizes the best new evidence for internal medicine from over 130 clinical journals</td>
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<td>Evidence-Based Medicine</td>
<td><a href="http://ebm.bmj.com/">http://ebm.bmj.com/</a></td>
<td>Surveys a wide range of international medical journals applying strict criteria for the quality and validity of research</td>
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<td>Cochrane Review</td>
<td><a href="http://www.thecochranelibrary.com">http://www.thecochranelibrary.com</a></td>
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Summary box

- There are a variety of resources to help keep you up-to-date and to help you practise evidence based medicine.
- We offer free training on how to search for literature using health care databases and an introduction to evidence based practice.
- For this and more, please contact the library service.

We can also help you to monitor what is happening in the sphere of evidence based medicine, and beyond, with a variety of tools that alert you to new content, findings and news.

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