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
- 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

- 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

- [Cite Them Right](#). (2018). Palgrave Macmillan (Firm) - access with your Oxford SSO

- [SRToolbox](#) 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