

Healthcare Databases for Literature Searching

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Core databases

Databases	Coverage	Dates	Size of database	Contents
NHS Knowledge and Library Hub	International			The Hub searches a wide range of databases, including CINAHL and Medline. We recommend the Hub as a good starting point for simple searches on any topic.
CINAHL Cumulative Index of Nursing & Allied Health Literature	US most British nursing journals	1982 -	Approx 5,500 journals	Covers all aspects of nursing and allied health disciplines. We recommend CINAHL as a good starting point for searches on nursing, midwifery and allied health topics.
Medline	International	1946 -	Approx 5,200 journals	A vast source of medical information, covering the whole field of medicine including dentistry, veterinary medicine and medical psychology. We recommend Medline as a good starting point for searches on any medical topics.

More databases

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AMED Allied & Complementary Medicine	European	1985 -	Approx 400 biomedical journals	A unique database covering the fields of complementary or alternative medicine.

BNI British Nursing Index	British	1994 -	Approx 250 nursing & midwifery journals	Comprises over 250 of the most popular and important journal sources in the nursing and midwifery fields.
Cochrane Library	International		Approx 8,700 completed reviews, 1.8 million trials	Contains full-text systematic reviews and protocols prepared by Cochrane Review Groups, along with a database of randomised controlled trials (CENTRAL)
EMBASE Excerpta Medica	European / Asian	1974 -	Approx 4,000 journals	EMBASE provides current and comprehensive information on drugs and pharmacology, and all other aspects of human medicine and related disciplines.
EMCare	International	1995 -	Approx 3,700 journals	Covers all aspects of nursing and allied health disciplines. 40% of records are from European journals.
ERIC Education Resources Information Center	Mostly US	1966 -	1.6 million records	Covers education literature and resources and includes citations for journal articles, books, research papers, conference papers, technical reports, policy papers, dissertations, theses, and other materials in the field of education.
HMIC Health Management Information Consortium	British	1983 -	Approx 300,000 records including: books, journals, official publications, pamphlets, reports	The Health Management Information Consortium database is a compilation of data from two sources, the Department of Health's Library and Information Services and King's Fund Information and Library Service.
PsycINFO	International	1887 -	Approx 1,300 journals Books, dissertations	Provides extensive international coverage of the literature on psychology and allied fields.