REFERENCES


References


**EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE RESOURCES**

**Databases of Evidence and Search Engines**

ACP Journal Club (http://annals.org/journalclub.aspx): Evidence-based evaluative summaries of articles taken from 100 clinical journals, written by MDs and others, with comments from MDs.

Campbell Collaboration (www.campbellcollaboration.org): An independent, international, nonprofit organization that aims to help people make well-informed decisions about the effects of interventions in the social, behavioral, and educational arenas. The vision of the Campbell Collaboration is to bring about positive social change and to improve the quality of public and private services across the world by preparing, maintaining, and disseminating systematic reviews of existing social science evidence. The Campbell Collaboration’s substantive priorities include, but are not confined to, education, social welfare, and crime and justice.

Cochrane Library (www.thecochranelibrary.com): Premier evidence-based medicine resource composed of the following:
- Database of Systematic Reviews containing systematic reviews and meta-analyses conducted by Cochrane Study Groups.
- Database of Reviews of Effects including systematic reviews and meta-analyses from non-Cochrane sources, many with structured abstracts with comments on the reviews.
- Center Register of Controlled Trials: Indexes many trials not included in MEDLINE.


HTA and NHS EED (www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb/SearchPage.asp): This is the HTA web-based site that features the NHS Economic Evaluation Database focused on the economic evaluation of health care interventions and technical literature in the United Kingdom.

ClinicalTrials.gov (http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct/gui): Provides regularly updated information about federally and privately supported clinical research in human volunteers. Gives information about a trial’s purpose, who may participate, locations, and phone numbers for more details.

Current Controlled Trials (www.controlled-trials.com): Allows users to search, register, and share information about randomized controlled trials.

Health Services/Technology Assessment Texts (HSTAT) (http://hstat.nlm.nih.gov): A free, Web-based resource of full-text documents that provide health information and support health care decision making. HSTAT’s audience includes health care providers, health service researchers, policy makers, payers, consumers, and the information professionals who serve these groups.

NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd): Resource for systematic reviews of health economics and technology assessment. Also maintains the DARE, Health Technology Assessment, and NHS Economic Evaluation databases included in Cochrane.

TRIP Database (www.tripdatabase.com): Locates high-quality, evidence-based medical literature using this metasearch engine. Some resources in the results list may require subscription.

WHO Clinical Trial Search Portal (www.who.int/trialsearch): Enables researchers, health practitioners, consumers, journal editors, and reporters to search more easily and quickly for information on clinical trials.

**Databases of Guidelines**

CMA Infobase, Clinical Practice Guidelines (www.cma.ca): Click on Clinical Resources tab; requires membership. Excellent access to guidelines and other point-of-care resources.


U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) (www.ahrq.gov/clinic/uspsfix.htm): A collection of materials related to the work of an independent panel of experts in primary care and prevention that systematically reviews the evidence of effectiveness and develops recommendations for clinical preventive services.

**Evidence-Based Practice Resources**

Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine (Oxford, United Kingdom) (www.cebm.net): Major website for learning about, practicing, and teaching EBM. The Toolbox provides valuable resources for learning and practice.

Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine (Toronto, Canada) (www.cebm.utoronto.ca): In addition to learning resources, this site provides focused syllabi for specialties and a glossary.

Centres for Health Evidence (www.cche.net): Based in Alberta, Canada, this center provides resources and support for evidence-based practice.

Cochrane Collaboration (www.cochrane.org): This international nonprofit and independent organization is dedicated to making up-to-date, accurate information about the effects of health care readily available worldwide through systematic reviews of medical research.

Evidence-Based Medicine Tool Kit (www.ebm.med.ualberta.ca): A collection of tools for identifying, assessing, and applying relevant evidence for better health care decision making.


Pediatric Critical Care Evidence-Based Medicine Resources (http://pedsccm.org/EBJournal_Club_intro.php): An online collection of resources and training tools for the pediatric professional.

Student’s Guide to the Medical Literature (http://140.226.6.124/SG): A guide suitable for anyone new to evidence-based medicine, written by a former UCD-AMC medical student for other students.

Understanding Evidence-Based Healthcare: A Foundation for Action (http://us.cochrane.org/understanding-evidence-based-healthcare-foundation-action): A Web course created by the U.S. Cochrane Center that is designed to help the user understand the fundamentals of evidence-based health care concepts and skills.
**References**

**Texts**


**Articles**


Learning and Information Services, University of Hertfordshire, maintains an updated and selective, but substantial, list of references on the theory and methodology of evidence-based medicine/health care. Retrospective references are available as well from 1993 to 2002. Retrieved from http://www.herts.ac.uk/lis/subjects/health/ebm.htm#refs.

