



The Library

Extending your search

What other approaches are used to find research?

HANDSEARCHING key journals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal websites • Ulrich’s serials directory (Abstracting & Indexing) • Journal Citation Reports
KEY RESEARCHERS in the field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Author searching in databases • Contact by email • Cochrane Collaboration website for reviews that are in progress (P) or intended (T) • Prospero is a new registry of systematic review protocols by the Centre for Reviews and Dissemination http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/prospero/
CITATION PEARL GROWING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you have a relevant citation, examine the terms used to index the article and incorporate these into your search strategy. • The Related Articles feature in PubMed is like an automated equivalent of citation pearl growing.
FOOTNOTE CHASING* (BACKWARD CHAINING)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track down citations from the bibliography of the article you have in hand.
CITATION SEARCHING* (FORWARD CHAINING)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find reference that have cited the article you have in hand. • Web of Science • Google Scholar
OTHER IDEAS	

*The terms for these approaches are taken from the article:
Booth, Andrew. 2008. Unpacking your literature search toolbox: on search styles and tactics. Health Information and Libraries Journal 25: 313-317.

