Published journal articles (1)

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MEDLINE (1947 – present) via OVIDSP	- Use MEDLINE to search international medical/pharmaceutical journalsback to 1947. MEDLINE uses MeSH, Medical Subject Headings, to organize article records. - To limit results to the most rigorous studies, apply specific limits to publication type such as Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) or Meta-Analyses.
PUBMED (1947 – present)	**FREE** to search - The NLM's (US National Library of Medicine) in-house interface for accessing MEDLINE, as well as OLDMEDLINE and in-process citations (recent citations that have not yet been indexed, or labeled with MeSH). - PubMed allows simple searches that use a powerful translation algorithm as well as more structured MeSH searches, and features many other useful tools, such as Single Citation Matcher and Clinical Queries. - Use the excellent RELATED function.
Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL) via OVIDSP	- To locate RCTs, use: randomized controlled trial.pt or randomi$.sd. **.pt** stands for *publication type* and will pick up citations that originate in PubMed **.sd** stands for *study design*, which is a category assigned by the Cochrane Collaboration.
EMBASE (1980 – present) via OVIDSP	- Use EMBASE to search the international biomedical literature. It is especially strong for pharmacy literature, and has an obvious European perspective. - EMBASE has unique content not in MEDLINE, although its OVIDSP interface will be familiar to those who use MEDLINE on OVIDSP. - EMBASE uses EMTREE to organize article records. To limit to RCTs in EMBASE, use the EMTREE heading Randomized Controlled Trial or the keyword string **randomi$.**

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International Pharmaceutical Abstracts (IPA) **(1970 – present) via OVIDSP**	• Produced by the American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists. • It indexes articles about the development and use of drugs and professional pharmaceutical practice from 800+ medical, pharmaceutical and health related journals.
CINAHL - Cumulated Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature via EBSCO	• Many qualitative studies. • Limit to research. • Strong in rehabilitation sciences and nursing evaluation
PSYCINFO via EBSCO	• Produced by the American Psychological Association. • An important database for any mental health related topic. • Use the limit empirical studies.
Web of Science via ISI	• Broad range of subjects. • Indexes major journals.
DARE - Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects via OVIDSP **or at http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/** **or at** **http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/Home.aspx?DB=DARE**	• Catalogues and reviews published systematic reviews.
GOOGLE SCHOLAR	• This is **not** a database but still very useful. It will search the full text of the article. Many people start with this tool before using the databases listed above.