



The Library

# Unpublished literature

What are the major sources of unpublished or grey literature?

<b>CLINICAL TRIALS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://clinicaltrials.gov">http://clinicaltrials.gov</a> (178 countries)</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.controlled-trials.com/ukctr">http://www.controlled-trials.com/ukctr</a> (UK trials)</li> <li>• CENTRAL also includes some unpublished trials</li> </ul>
<b>PRACTICE GUIDELINES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US National Guideline Clearinghouse at: <a href="http://www.guideline.gov/">http://www.guideline.gov/</a></li> <li>• CMA Infobase Clinical Guidelines at: <a href="http://www.cma.ca/index.php/ci_id/54316/la_id/1.htm">http://www.cma.ca/index.php/ci_id/54316/la_id/1.htm</a></li> </ul>
<b>THESES &amp; DISSERTATIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proquest Digital Dissertations &amp; Theses</li> <li>• Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations ND LTD at <a href="http://www.ndltd.org/">http://www.ndltd.org/</a></li> </ul>
<b>CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PapersFirst and ProceedingFirst as a starting point</li> <li>• Once you know important conferences, check for papers on the appropriate website</li> </ul>
<b>GOVERNMENT REPORTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Search specific government sites (e.g. Health Canada)</li> <li>• Search the web using Google commands (example below)</li> </ul>
<b>ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CADTH (Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health) has developed Grey Matters, a grey literature checklist of health technology assessment, government and evidence-based agency websites. <a href="http://www.cadth.ca/en/resources/grey-matters">http://www.cadth.ca/en/resources/grey-matters</a></li> <li>• Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (York) hosts the HTA database for health technology assessments <a href="http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd/">http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd/</a></li> </ul>

### Google commands: an example

**site:gc.ca filetype:pdf allintitle:smoking**

Restricts search to Canadian federal government documents (in PDF) with smoking in the title.

