



Unpublished literature

What are the major sources of unpublished or grey literature?

CLINICAL TRIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://clinicaltrials.gov (178 countries) • http://www.controlled-trials.com/ukctr (UK trials) • CENTRAL also includes some unpublished trials
PRACTICE GUIDELINES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US National Guideline Clearinghouse at: http://www.guideline.gov/ • CMA Infobase Clinical Guidelines at: http://www.cma.ca/clinicalresources/practiceguidelines
THESES & DISSERTATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proquest Digital Dissertations & Theses • Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations ND LTD at http://www.ndltd.org/
CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PapersFirst and ProceedingFirst as a starting point • Once you know important conferences, check for papers on the appropriate website
GOVERNMENT REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search specific government sites (e.g. Health Canada) • Search the web using Google Advanced Search or commands e.g. <code>allintitle: smoking site:.gc.ca</code> ➔ This example will restrict search to Canadian federal government documents with smoking in the title.
ORGANIZATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. http://www.cadth.ca/en/resources/grey-matters • Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (York) hosts the HTA database for health technology assessments http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/

