



The Library

# Published literature

What are the major article indexes/databases for published material?

<p><b>PUBMED (1947 – present)</b> via NLM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Free</b> to search!</li> <li>• NLM's (US National Library of Medicine) interface for accessing MEDLINE, OLDMEDLINE and in-process citations (recent citations not yet indexed with MeSH).</li> <li>• PubMed allows simple searches that use a powerful translation algorithm as well as more structured MeSH searches, and features other useful tools such as Single Citation Matcher and Clinical Queries.</li> <li>• Use the excellent RELATED CITATIONS function.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MEDLINE (1947 – present)</b> via OvidSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use MEDLINE to search international biomedical journals.</li> <li>• MEDLINE uses MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) to describe article records.</li> <li>• Limits include Meta Analysis, Practice Guideline or Randomized Controlled Trial (under Publication Types).</li> </ul>
<p><b>EMBASE (1980 – present)</b> via OvidSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use EMBASE to search international biomedical journals. It is especially strong for pharmacy literature and European literature.</li> <li>• EMBASE has unique content not in MEDLINE.</li> <li>• EMBASE uses EMTREE to describe article records.</li> <li>• Limits include Randomized Controlled Trial (under Clinical Trials) and Meta Analysis or Systematic Review (under EBM-Evidence-Based Medicine).</li> </ul>
<p><b>IPA - International Pharmaceutical Abstracts (1970 – present)</b> via OvidSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produced by the American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists, IPA indexes articles about the development and use of drugs and professional pharmaceutical practice from 800+ medical, pharmaceutical and health related journals.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CINAHL - Cumulated Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (1982 – present)</b> via EBSCO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many qualitative studies.</li> <li>• Strong in nursing and rehabilitation sciences.</li> <li>• Limits include Meta Analysis, Practice Guidelines, Randomized Controlled Trial or Systematic Review (under Publication Type).</li> </ul>
<p><b>PsycInfo (1872 – present)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produced by the American Psychological Association.</li> </ul>

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via EBSCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A key database for any mental health related topic.</li> <li>• Limits include Empirical Study, Systematic Review or Meta Analysis (under Methodology).</li> </ul>
<b>Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR) (2005 – present)</b> via OvidSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full text of systematic reviews prepared by Cochrane Review Groups in The Cochrane Collaboration</li> <li>• In addition to completed reviews, CDSR includes protocols for reviews currently being prepared with background, objectives, methods and expected completion date.</li> </ul>
<b>Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL) (1991 – present)</b> via OvidSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Controlled trials identified from EMBASE, MEDLINE and other sources by contributors to the Cochrane Collaboration.</li> <li>• Limits include Randomized Controlled Trial.</li> </ul>
<b>DARE - Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects via OVIDSP</b>  Also available free at: <a href="http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/">http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produced by the Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, DARE indexes and critically appraises published systematic reviews using structured “critical abstracts”.</li> <li>• DARE also includes citations to systematic reviews that are waiting appraisal.</li> </ul>
<b>Campbell Library of Systematic Reviews</b>  Available free at: <a href="http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/library.php">http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/library.php</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full text of systematic reviews prepared by the Campbell Collaboration (C2) in the areas of education, crime &amp; justice, and social welfare.</li> <li>• In addition to completed reviews, C2 includes title registrations and protocols for reviews that are currently being prepared.</li> </ul>
<b>Web of Science (1900 – present)</b> via ISI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broad range of subjects, including social sciences.</li> <li>• Indexes journals and some proceedings.</li> <li>• Strength is cited reference searching.</li> <li>• Keyword searching only (no thesaurus).</li> </ul>
<b>Google Scholar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Searches full text of articles (increasing results but often retrieving irrelevant articles).</li> <li>• Cited reference searching</li> </ul>
<b>Other databases in my discipline</b>  Use the Research Guides at: <a href="http://guides.library.ubc.ca">http://guides.library.ubc.ca</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>