

Finding Evidence

An introduction to healthcare databases available and the techniques needed to search them.

e-Learning module

[Literature Searching](#) covers concepts you need to know when searching databases. Use your [NHS OpenAthens account](#) to access the modules.

Modules:

- **Building the Foundations**
This introductory module will help you to assess your current level of skill, ensure that you are searching for information in the right place and develop a simple search strategy.
- **Developing the Skills**
This module supports you to use a range of searching techniques which will help you find relevant articles quickly and easily. You will learn how to narrow and broaden your search to ensure that you find the right amount of information.
- **Applying the Skills**
This final module brings your learning together, providing the opportunity to apply the techniques learnt in the previous modules to search the NHS Knowledge and Library Hub. It also signposts you to additional bibliographic databases for more advanced searches.

Group (face to face)

Do you need evidence for; guidelines, getting published, teaching, research, service improvement projects?

In this hands-on session you will learn about and gain practical experience of:

- planning your own search
- identifying search terms
- combining sets
- using phrase searching and truncation
- using subject headings
- using limits
- saving searches and setting up alerts

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand how to formulate a search strategy, generate search terms and limits
- Know which clinical database to search for different questions
- Understand the principles of evidence searching
- Know how to manage your search results

Duration: 2 hours

Targeted Audience:

This training is suitable for beginners and those with some experience of carrying out literature searches. Tailored sessions for those seeking advanced skills training can be arranged individually by contacting the library.

To arrange tailored training fill out the [Training Request Form](#) and select the teaching session(s) you wish to attend.