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Searching the Cochrane Library

“Welcome to the Cochrane Library, the best single source of reliable evidence about the effects of health care... a unique source of reliable and up-to-date information on the effects of interventions in health care... designed to provide information and evidence to support decisions taken in health care and to inform those receiving care.”

Guided Tour of Cochrane Library Homepage:

To access the Cochrane Library go to your MyGateway access and log yourself in. From the Blackboard page select “Library”. This will lead you to a plain vanilla version of the Libraries’ homepage. Go to Electronic Databases (alphabetically under “C” or by subject under “Health Sciences”). Click on the Cochrane Search this Database link to begin searching.

Browse articles by selected database or all databases. The selection can be further refined by choosing to browse just by Protocols or Reviews. You can view the full text of any review or protocol simply by clicking on the title.

Using Cochrane Advanced Search

Enter your search terms and construct your search strategy. You may make use of all, or up to five search terms. Searchable fields include:

Record Title / Author / abstract / Keywords / Title or Abstracts Keywords / Tables / Publication Type / Source / DOI (Digital Object Identifier)

Limits available:

- Restrict by product (the full Library or just selected portions of it)
- Restrict by record status (all records, new, updated, commented, withdrawn)
- Date range

TIPS:

- You may need to insert the search term(s) within quotation marks to create an exact match.
- If your search returns too many irrelevant records and you want to be more precise. There are several ways of refining your search. For anything but the most basic of searches, the Cochrane Advanced Search page is the place to start.
- Field searching
- Combining terms using AND
- Combining terms using OR
- Truncation = *
- Wildcard = *

Format of Search Results

The search terms used, along with a total number of matching results, are always summarized at the top of the results screen.

Results are displayed in groups of 25, by default, with navigation links allowing you to move through the complete list.

Each individual result is displayed with core citation information: article or chapter title; publication title; volume, issue, publication date, page range; authors/editors; links to abstract, reference, and full text.

Search Results

Show Results in:

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There are 297 results out of 4200 records for: “cardiovascular and prevention in All Fields in The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews”

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Hormone replacement therapy for preventing cardiovascular disease in post-menopausal women

R Gavriel-Sanchez, L Carmona, M Roque, LM Sanchez-Gomez

Year: 2005

[Record](#)

Antiplatelet agents and anticoagulants for hypertension

GYH Lip, DC Felmeden

Year: 2004

[Record](#)

To view a document, click on the Record link. The article will appear using two window panes side-by-side. The left window contains a link to the full-text document and the document’s linked Table-of-Contents. The right window contains the document’s text. To view the full document, click on the PDF links.

Other Cochrane Search Techniques:

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