

Finding evidence-based clinical information

Access

Find links to these resources at the Library's list of [databases](#). Off-site access requires an [OpenAthens](#) login.

Part 1. Drug-related queries

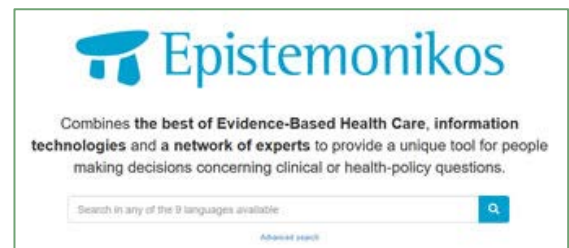
Use the following resources:

- Australian Medicines Handbook
- Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook
- Australian Medicines Handbook Children's Dosing Companion
- BNF for Children
- Lexicomp
- Martindale's Adverse Drug Reactions checker
- Micromedex (Drugdex & Poisindex)
- MIMS Online
- Natural Medicines
- Palliative Care Formulary
- RCH Paediatric Injectable Guidelines
- Renal Drug Database
- RWH Pregnancy & Breastfeeding Medicines Guide
- Stockleys Drug Interactions
- Therapeutic Guidelines
- TOXINZ Poisons Information

Part 2. Other clinical queries

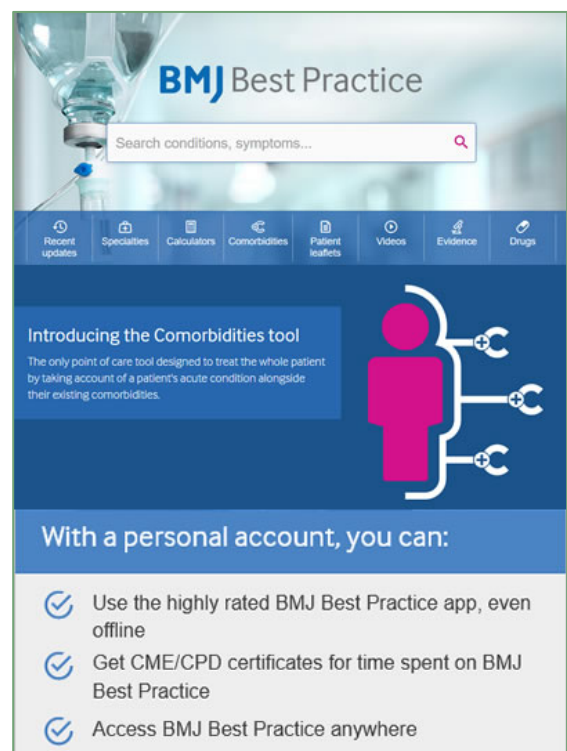
Epistemonikos

- Free access
- Basic search supports 9 languages but Advanced search is only in English.
- Supports Boolean operators: AND, OR and NOT
- Supports parentheses
- Wildcard truncation is the asterisk*
- Use quotes for "exact phrases".



BMJ Best Practice

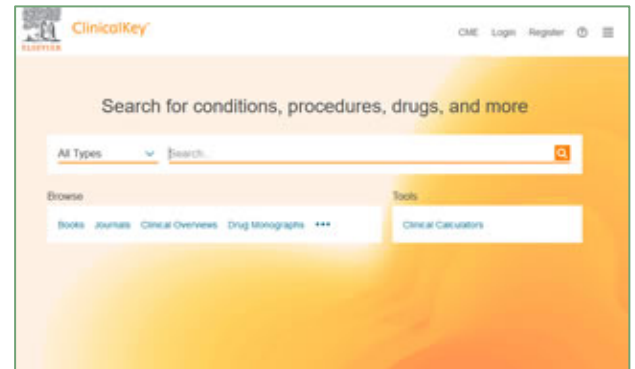
- Off-site access is via OpenAthens
- Use the *Search BMJ Best Practice* field or *Show conditions*
- Each topic includes: *Highlights, Basics, Prevention, Diagnosis, Treatment, Follow Up* and *Resources*
- Some *Treatment* sections include an *Evidence* subsection with links to Clinical Evidence
- Automatically expands queries with synonyms and considers all word variants
- No need to use truncation/wildcard (*)
- Search terms automatically connected by AND
- Supports Boolean AND, OR, NOT (in caps)
- Does not support parentheses ()
- Use quotes for "exact phrase"
- Get the mobile version:
 1. Go to BMJ Best Practice while on-site at RCH
 2. Select *Create account*
 3. Download the app on your device from the Apple Store or Google Play
 4. Log in with your personal account.



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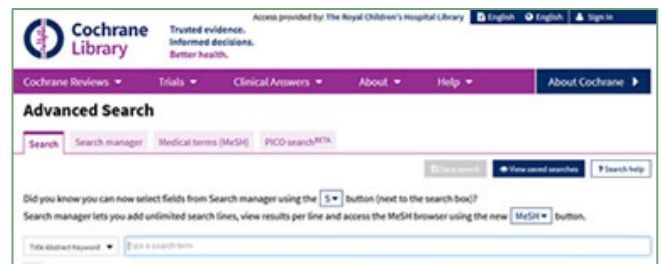
ClinicalKey

- Searches books, journals, the Clinics of North America, patient education, drugs, multimedia and guidelines
- Off-site access is via OpenAthens
- Enter a natural language search term into any *Search* field
- Does not support Boolean operators AND, OR, NOT
- Does not support truncation/wildcard (*)
- Does not support parentheses ()
- Use quotes for "exact phrase"
- Register/Login to use *Presentation Maker* and to create a *Reading List*
- Content type 'Journals' denotes available in full text (content type 'MEDLINE' is indexed in Medline but is not full text).



The Cochrane Library

- Must search both keywords and thesaurus (MeSH)
- Use asterisk (*) for truncation
- Use *Advanced Search* for keyword searching, and *Medical Terms (MeSH)* for thesaurus searching
- See Fact Sheet no.5: [The Cochrane Library](#) for search tips.



Ovid Medline

Applying the appropriate clinical queries in Ovid is an effective way to limit search results.

Limit to Clinical Queries

1. Perform a search
2. Select *Limits*
3. Select *Additional Limits*
4. Select the appropriate query from the *Clinical Queries* list.

Searches	Results	Search Type	Actions
1 exp conjunctivitis/	4612	Advanced	Display More >>
2 exp anti-bacterial agents/	167391	Advanced	Display More >>
3 1 and 2	557	Advanced	Display More >>
4 limit 3 to "all child (0 to 18 years)"	289	Advanced	Display More >>

Abstracts
 No Language Specified
 Humans
 Pharmacologic Actions

Structured Abstracts
 Full Text
 Core Clinical Journals (AIM)
 COVID-19

English Language
 Review Articles
 Latest Update

Publication Year: [] - [] - []

Include Multimedia
 Map Term to Subject Heading

Clinical Queries
 Therapy (maximizes sensitivity)
 Therapy (maximizes specificity)
 Therapy (best balance of sensitivity and specificity)
 Diagnosis (maximizes sensitivity)
 Diagnosis (maximizes specificity)
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