

## NICE Evidence search: a quick guide

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Make better, quicker evidence based decisions. NICE Evidence search provides access to selected and authoritative evidence in health, social care and public health. It brings together high quality evidence from hundreds of trustworthy sources, combining evidence on health, drugs and technologies, public health, social care, and healthcare management and commissioning all in one place. This includes guidance, systematic reviews, evidence summaries and patient information, all freely available without needing to log in.

### Step 1: Think about your question

What are the keywords? Are there alternative terms for your topic?



Type in your search terms and then press **Enter** or click the **Search** button.

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### Step 2: View your results



Click on a title to go straight to the full text of the document, or click **Read Summary** (where it's available) to help determine the usefulness of a document.

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#### SEARCH TIP

Use **OR** where you want either term or concept in your results:

eg elderly **OR** older.

You don't need to use **AND**, as terms are automatically combined.

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Plurals are automatically searched for:

eg entering pregnancy will automatically also find pregnancies.

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### Step 3: Refine your search

You can refine your search results using the filters on the left hand side of your search results (you will need to scroll down the page to see all the available filters).

#### Filter results by

##### Evidence type

☐ Guidance and Policy (34852)

☐ Guidance (9656)

☐ Policy and Strategy (5910)

☐ Quality Indicators (304)

☐ Prescribing and Technical Information (30377)

☐ Safety Alerts (1319)

☐ Secondary Evidence (87800)

☐ Systematic Reviews (54912)

☐ Economic Evaluations (12418)

☐ Evidence Summaries (18901)

☐ Health Technology Assessments (6620)

☐ Horizon Scanning (2092)

☐ Evidence Uncertainties (6567)

☐ Primary Research (52152)

☐ Ongoing Trials (7736)

☐ Medicines Current Awareness (60)

☐ Practice Based Information (4289)

☐ Audit and Inspection Reports (580)

☐ Case Studies (3955)

☐ Implementation Support (2577)

☐ Information for the Public (11697)

##### Areas of interest

☐ Clinical (145710)

☐ Commissioning and Management (10474)

☐ Drugs and Technologies (89950)

☐ Public Health (25819)

☐ Social Care (46658)

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▼ Sources

▼ Medicine Names

▼ Date

The **Evidence types** filter allows you to narrow your search results down to particular categories of evidence.

The **Sources** filter allows you to choose results from individual organisations or publishers. Click on the word Sources to open out the list.

You can select as many filters as you like, including more than one option within a filter.

#### SEARCH TIP

Use inverted commas in the search box to find exact phrases when looking for something very specific:

eg "expert patient"

eg "child attachment"

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#### SEARCH TIP

Acronyms and alternative spellings are automatically searched for:

eg ADHD and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder  
eg paediatric and pediatric.

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### Step 4: Sharing and downloading your results

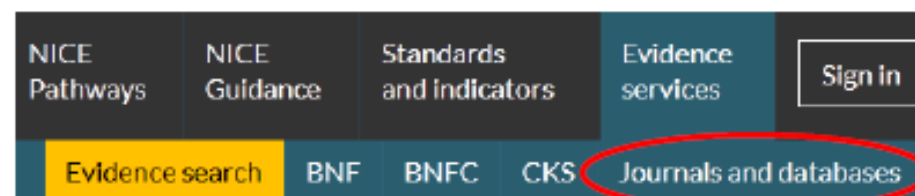
Results 1 - 10 of 5436 sorted by relevance / date

[Share](#) [Download](#)

Clicking on **Share** at the top of the search results page allows you to share your results via Facebook, Twitter, or email.

Clicking on **Download** allows you to select results and export them as either a CSV or RIS file. You have the option to download all the results on a page (up to a maximum of 250) or to choose relevant results by clicking in the checkboxes that appear next to each one.

### Still not finding what you want?



You can use the **Journals and databases** link at the top of the page to access a set of journals and bibliographic databases purchased by NICE on behalf of the NHS. This is known as HDAS – Healthcare Databases Advanced Search. You need an OpenAthens username and password to search these databases.

See '[Healthcare Databases Advanced Search \(HDAS\): A quick guide](#)' for information on how to use these resources.

If the full text of the article isn't available, you can request it from your local healthcare librarian, who can also help with any further questions on your search.

For more information or to report any problems email [nice@nice.org.uk](mailto:nice@nice.org.uk) or call 0300 323 0140.

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