



# Searching the Knowledge & Library Hub

This guide explains how to search for evidence in the NHS Knowledge and Library Hub. If you need further help, fill in our Book a Librarian form.

## What is the NHS Knowledge and Library Hub?

The NHS Knowledge and Library Hub is a national discovery system that allows anyone with an NHS OpenAthens account to search journals, ebooks, clinical decision making tools and guidelines.

### How do I access it?

Through this link to the <u>Knowledge & Library Hub homepage</u>, or through the direct search box on the <u>Illingworth Library homepage</u>

# Using the Hub

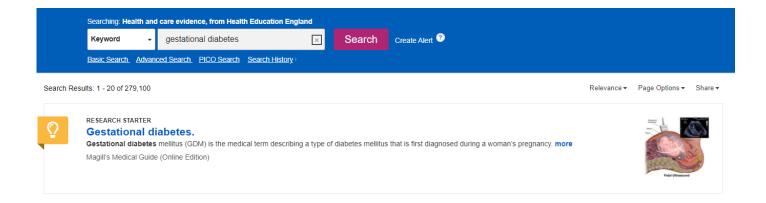
Click the yellow banner at the top and enter your OpenAthens username and password. This will ensure you access everything available to you through your SCH account.



On the homepage you will see a search box – Use this to search keywords, titles or authors in the Basic Search function.

### Your search results

For a basic search just put your keywords in the search box. If a Research Starter is available for your search term, it will appear at the top of the search results list. Research Starters include links to relevant articles, images, videos, and audio clips.

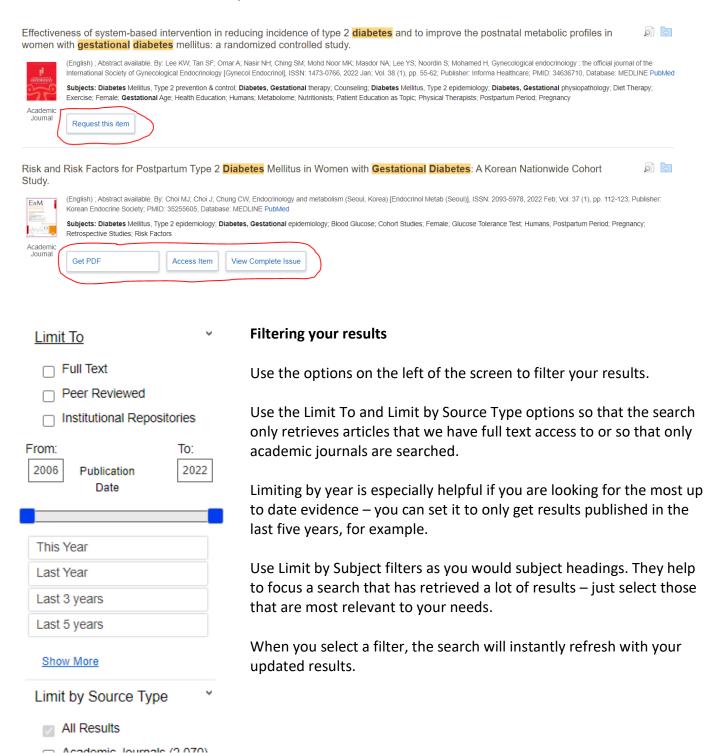






As you scroll through your results you will see lots of resources in including journal articles and books. More information about each article may be seen by hovering over or clicking the review icon

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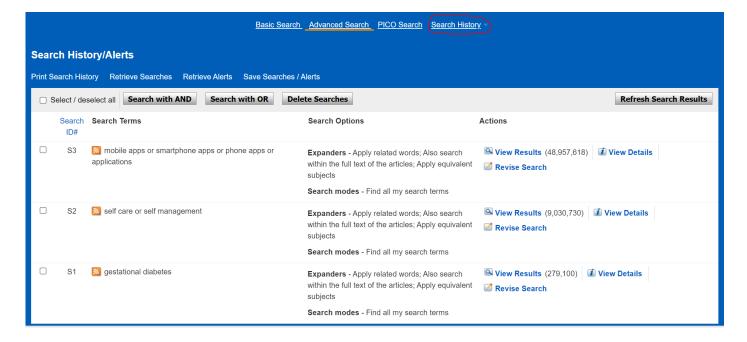
# **Advanced and PICO searching**

You can also choose to do an Advanced Search or a PICO Search. This allows you to add further terms and combine them with Boolean operators (AND, OR or NOT). Use the dropdown boxes on the right to select specific fields to search, like title or author.



## **Combining searches**

Completed search steps can be combined with Boolean operators such as AND, OR and NOT. Click on Search History below the search box to show the searches you have carried out so far. Select the search steps to combine and choose from Search with AND or Search with OR. Select search steps to delete if no longer required.





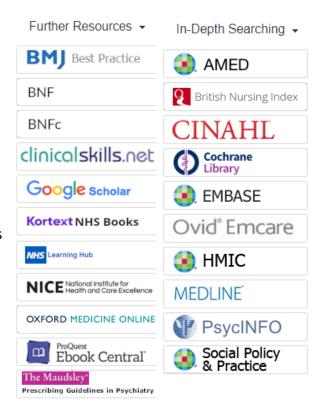


## Running a search in another resource

If you want to expand your search, on the right hand side of the screen there is a list of Further Resources which allow you to repeat your search on a different platform with a single click.

# Advanced searching for articles

Although the Hub does search a range of databases for journal articles, including CINAHL and Medline, for a really thorough search you may wish to search individual databases directly, particularly if you wish to use thesaurus terms. You can find these under In-Depth Searching, which is beneath Further Resources.



## Improving your search results

The Hub supports the use of many search operators:

An asterisk (\*) is used for truncation for example diabet\* will search diabetic, diabetes and so on.

Double quotes sre used to search for a phrase, for example "cognitive deficit"

Brackets are used to groups terms, for example (stammer\* or stutter\*)

Boolean operators (AND, OR) are used to create complex searches, for example: metformin and (diabetes or diabetic).

# Printing, saving or emailing results

Add individual results from a search to a saved folder by using the Add to Folder icon.



The contents of the saved folder is accessed by clicking the Folder link at the top of the page



Select the references in the saved list that you wish to use (or use 'select all') and then use the options on the right-hand side to print, save or email.

When emailing the results, it is possible to include the PDF full-text of articles as attachments (where available) and to specify the citation format (for example, Harvard).

### **Getting further help**

We can provide individual or group training and support by phone or email or via MS Teams, in the library, or at your place of work. Go to <a href="https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/illingworth-library/">https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/illingworth-library/</a> for more information.