

Selected databases for Allied Health Professionals

HOW TO ACCESS LIBRARY DATABASES

Where you can get access to databases

- **In the Library** you can access **Imperial and NHS Athens resources** with your Imperial College London login (please speak to library staff to apply for a login)
- **From home or work** via NHS Evidence at: www.evidence.nhs.uk for NHS Athens resources only

Different passwords and when to use them – resources listed are **open access except where stated**

- **NHS Athens** username and password: all NHS staff in London trusts are eligible to register for an NHS Athens login. Speak to library staff for further details. These resources are accessible to you both in the Library and at home
- **Imperial College London resources:** most databases and journals are accessible with no password on campus, but some also require one. Please speak to library staff if you are asked for a password

DATABASES

AMED (Allied and Alternative Medicine)	Abstracts and bibliographic citations from journals relating to complementary medicine, palliative care and allied health professions – NHS/Imperial
ASSIA (Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts)	An indexing and abstracting service covering health, social services, psychology and other related subjects – Imperial
CINAHL	Covers all aspects of nursing and allied health disciplines – NHS
Cochrane Library	Collection of evidence-based medicine databases offering full-text systematic reviews, clinical trials and more – open access in the UK, NHS Athens overseas
IBSS (International Bibliography of Social Sciences)	Abstracts in social sciences – Imperial
King's Fund (Health Management Information Consortium)	Focuses on improving health care, covering management and policy rather than clinical issues and treatments – NHS/Imperial
Medline	General and comprehensive international database of biomedical articles including allied health topics – NHS/Imperial
PubMed	General and comprehensive international database of biomedical articles including allied health topics – open access alternative Medline interface
PsycINFO	Abstracts and citations in the field of psychology and related disciplines, such as nursing, sociology, education, business and law – NHS/Imperial
Social Care Online	www.scie-socialcareonline.org.uk – database of abstracts and full-text research briefings, links, articles, reports and government documents
Web of Knowledge	A collection of multidisciplinary databases searching journals, conference proceedings and journal/author citations – Imperial

OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES

BMJ Clinical Evidence	www.clinicalevidence.com – provides regularly updated assessment of evidence about the effectiveness of care on a subject-by-subject basis – NHS/Imperial
The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy	www.csp.org.uk – professional organization for physiotherapists in the UK. Provides a wide range of information relating to patient care
Clinical Knowledge Summaries	www.cks.library.nhs.uk – useful for patient information leaflets and details of self help and patient groups. This is part of NHS Evidence
Core content e-books	www.evidence.nhs.uk – hundreds of fully searchable texts on a broad range of topics – NHS . Please see <i>NHS E-books</i> guide for more details
Intute	www.intute.ac.uk – gateway to evaluated, quality Internet resources, aimed at students, researchers, academics and practitioners
National Cancer Institute	cancernet.nci.nih.gov – gateway to news, factsheets, information from PDQ, treatment, screening, prevention and care summaries and CANCERLIT
NHS Evidence	www.evidence.nhs.uk – the NHS’s online collection of evidence-based resources, including databases, guidelines, links, journals and current awareness tools
OTseeker (Occupational Therapy Systematic Evaluation of Evidence)	www.otseeker.com – abstracts of systematic reviews and randomised controlled trials relevant to occupational therapy
PEDro (Physiotherapy Evidence Database)	www.pedro.org.au – abstracts of randomised controlled trials relating to physiotherapy, with links to full-text documents
The Physiotherapy Pain Association	www.ppaonline.co.uk – for chartered physiotherapists and other practitioners involved in the treatment of patients with acute and chronic pain

CURRENT AWARENESS BULLETINS

LondonLinks	www.londonlinks.ac.uk/current_awareness – The online portal of the London Deanery’s library service, provides access to a number of current awareness bulletins by various NHS and other organisations
National Library for Health RSS feeds	Log into NHS Evidence to set up RSS feeds from useful websites to create a single personalised site for your updates
Allied Health Professionals Bulletin (DoH)	www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Bulletins/Alliedhealthprofessionalsbulletin/index.htm – the DoH’s AHP current awareness bulletins

When you have found references for useful articles via these databases, you will then need to locate the journals they are published in. If there is no direct link to the full text you can search **NHS Athens** Resources through **NHS Evidence** (log in and choose ‘My Journals’ from the homepage of Health Information Resources) and the **Imperial College London Library** catalogue (www.imperial.ac.uk/library), which will show you the availability both in print and electronic formats (e-access is only available in the library).

If you have difficulty finding the material you need or any other queries please email: medlib@imperial.ac.uk or call in at your nearest campus library.