

Imperial College  
London

# Library and Evidence Services for NHS Staff



# Welcome – we're here to help

Imperial College London Library supports the research, teaching and study needs of all of our NHS users.

We have a team of dedicated librarians who support the Faculty of Medicine and the NHS.

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FIND OUT WHO CAN HELP YOU AT:

[www.imperial.ac.uk/library/nhs/  
your-librarian/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/library/nhs/your-librarian/)

DETAILS OF ALL OUR SERVICES FOR THE  
NHS ARE AT:

[www.imperial.ac.uk/library/NHS](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/library/NHS)

Contact us at:

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[www.imperial.ac.uk/library](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/library)

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# Using the Library

Staff from the NHS Trusts covered by the Service Level Agreement between Imperial College London Library and NHS London can join the Library with full or local membership, depending on eligibility. Students on placement in those Trusts may also be eligible to join.

- To apply for library membership, complete our online registration form and bring your Trust ID when you visit. You can find the membership form at [www.imperial.ac.uk/library/use-the-library/membership-and-borrowing/nhs](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/library/use-the-library/membership-and-borrowing/nhs)
- We will give you a username and password for access to Imperial resources in the library
- Staff with honorary contracts at Imperial are registered as College staff
- Some libraries require an Imperial College London ID card for swipe access. We will provide more details during the registration process.

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You can borrow up to 20 items. When you have selected your items, take them to the issue desk or use one of our self-service machines.

- Items are issued for 3 weeks and will be automatically renewed for up to 6 months, after which they must be returned for re-issue
- If an item you have is requested by someone else, you will need to return it by the latest due date
- We only charge fines for the late return of items that have been requested by another reader
- You can borrow and return at any of our libraries
- If the item you want is held at another Imperial library, you can request it and have it delivered to the library of your choice.



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## Evidence Search Service

To support research in clinical or service development areas, we offer a free literature search service to NHS staff. To make a search request, complete the form at [www.imperial.ac.uk/library/nhs/literature-search-service](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/library/nhs/literature-search-service) or contact your NHS Support Librarian.

# Library tours, inductions and training

Our librarians offer training, throughout the year, on using the wide range of medical, nursing and evidence-based information available online.

Sessions include:

- database searching
- evidence-based medicine
- introduction to critical appraisal

We can tailor all our training to suit you or your team's needs. Visit us in the library, or we can visit your department.

## LIBRARY TRAINING FAQs

### What's available?

All campuses run free group sessions and can also arrange one-to-one training.

### How do I book?

Our training schedule and booking information is available at [www.imperial.ac.uk/library/nhs/training](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/library/nhs/training) or ask your librarian for more information.

### Can you run a customised session?

Staff are happy to offer bespoke training tailored to your or your team's interests and experience levels.





## Finding material elsewhere

Our free Document Delivery Service allows you to request items that are not available at Imperial. We can obtain books, articles, theses and more, nationally and internationally. We will supply your requests electronically wherever possible.

**Find out more at [www.imperial.ac.uk/library/find-books-articles-and-more/document-delivery](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/library/find-books-articles-and-more/document-delivery)**

**To recommend that we purchase an item, complete our form at [www.imperial.ac.uk/library/nhs/suggest-a-book-for-purchase](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/library/nhs/suggest-a-book-for-purchase)**

## NHS resources: NICE Evidence Services

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) provides free online services for everyone who works in health and social care to help them make informed decisions about treatments and resources. The NICE Evidence resources include access to both clinical and non-clinical best practice information.

NICE Evidence Services comprises:

- NICE Evidence Search which brings together high quality, up to date evidence from hundreds of trusted sources such as British National

Formulary, Clinical Knowledge Summaries, SIGN, the Cochrane Library and Royal Colleges, Social Care Online and GOV.UK. Guidance, systematic reviews, evidence summaries, medicines information and more are freely available, with no login required.

- The journals and databases section which gives access to specialist databases (such as Medline and CINAHL), e-books, and e-journals. These specialist resources require an NHS OpenAthens login.
- Clinical Knowledge Summaries, BNF and BNF for Children sections.

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FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION SEE:

**[www.evidence.nhs.uk](http://www.evidence.nhs.uk)**

# Using library computers

Our libraries have PCs that eligible NHS staff can use and you will be provided with an Imperial College London computer login. When using these library computers you'll have access to the full range of Imperial library resources, such as databases and journals.

## Accessing resources provided by the NHS

The NHS provides a range of electronic resources for its staff, primarily through NICE Evidence Services. In order to gain access to the full range you will need to register for an NHS OpenAthens password.

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SELF-REGISTER FOR NHS OPENATHENS AT:  
[openathens.nice.org.uk](https://openathens.nice.org.uk)

## NHS Staff who have honorary contracts with Imperial

If you have an honorary contract with Imperial College London, you can register for a staff computer account if you haven't already been provided with one.

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REGISTER FOR A STAFF COMPUTER ACCOUNT AT:  
[www.imperial.ac.uk/ict](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/ict)



## COMPUTER FAQs

### Can I use my USB memory stick?

Yes. We recommend that you use a personal, unencrypted memory stick.

### Is wireless access available?

NHS Wi-Fi is available. Please ask library staff for details.

### Photocopying and printing

Our printer-copiers allow printing, scanning to email and photocopying.

- Library members receive £2.00 complementary print credit. You may purchase additional credit as required
- Printing, copying or scanning must comply with current copyright legislation



# Our libraries

## CENTRAL LIBRARY

Imperial College London  
South Kensington Campus  
London SW7 2AZ  
library@imperial.ac.uk  
+44 (0)20 7594 8810

Nearest tube:  
Gloucester Road/  
South Kensington

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## CHARING CROSS CAMPUS LIBRARY

Imperial College London  
Charing Cross Campus  
St Dunstan's Rd  
London W6 8RP

cxissuedesk@imperial.ac.uk  
+44 (0)20 7594 0755

The library is on the 2nd floor  
of the Reynolds Building.

Nearest tube: Barons Court/  
Hammersmith

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## CHELSEA AND WESTMINSTER CAMPUS LIBRARY

Imperial College London  
Chelsea and Westminster  
Hospital  
369 Fulham Road  
London SW10 9NH

The Library is on the  
lower ground floor.

librarycw@imperial.ac.uk  
+44 (0)20 3315 8107

Nearest tube: Fulham  
Broadway/South Kensington

## HAMMERSMITH CAMPUS LIBRARY

Imperial College London  
Hammersmith Campus  
Du Cane Road  
London W12 0NN  
hammersmithlibrary@  
imperial.ac.uk

+44 (0)20 7594 9943

The library is on the  
1st floor of the  
Commonwealth Building.

Nearest tube: White City/  
East Acton

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## ROYAL BROMPTON CAMPUS LIBRARY

Royal Brompton Campus  
Guy Scadding Building  
Dovehouse Street  
London SW3 6LY

br.library@imperial.ac.uk  
+44 (0)20 7594 7917

Nearest tube:  
South Kensington

## ST MARY'S FLEMING LIBRARY

St Mary's Fleming Library  
Imperial College London  
St Mary's Campus  
Norfolk Place  
London W2 1PG

sm-lib@imperial.ac.uk  
+ 44 (0)20 7594 3692

Nearest tube: Paddington

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## SILWOOD PARK CAMPUS LIBRARY

Imperial College London  
Hamilton Building  
Silwood Park Campus  
Ascot  
Berkshire SL5 7PY

silwood.library@  
imperial.ac.uk  
+44 (0)20 7594 2461

Nearest train: Sunningdale

WEBSITE:

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