

Part 2: Locate the Evidence

Choosing the correct resource in which to perform your search is half the battle.

Your choice of information will depend on your field of work, the type of information you require and will also be influenced by how much time you have.

Selection of databases:

Title	Content	Available From
CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature)	Indexes more than 5,500 journals from the fields of Nursing & Allied Health	HSE National Library's electronic resources
EMBASE	Biomedical and pharmacological database	Available by subscription only. Contact your library to see if they have access
Health Business Elite	Comprehensive journal content detailing all aspects of health care administration and health care management	Available by subscription only. Contact your library to see if they have access
Kings Fund	Independent UK charitable organisation that works to improve health care by providing research and health policy analysis	Freely available from: www.kingsfund.org.uk
Medline	Biomedical database containing more than 24 million citations from more than 5,000 journals	Free online version available from www.pubmed.gov
Nursing Consult	Full-text journal articles, patient hand-outs, electronic books and clinical guidelines	Available by subscription only. Contact your library to see if they have access
PsycINFO	Abstract database. Largest resource devoted to peer-reviewed literature in behavioural science and mental health. Over 3 million references from the mental health literature	Available by subscription only. Contact your library to see if they have access

Selection of evidence-based resources:

Name	Description	Available From
Bandolier	Bullet-points of evidence from systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomised trials, and high quality observational studies	Freely available from http://www.medicine.ox.ac.uk/bandolier
The Cochrane Library	The “gold standard” for quality, systematic reviews. Updated quarterly, freely available on the internet	www.thecochranelibrary.com
Dynamed	Evidence-based summaries for more than 3000 clinical topics	HSE National Library’s electronic resources
Joanna Briggs Institute	Evidence-based practice resources for nursing, medical and allied health professionals	Available by subscription only from: www.joannabriggs.edu.au
OT Seeker	Evidence-Based Practice Resources for Occupational Therapy	Freely available from: www.otseeker.com
PEDro	Physiotherapy Evidence Database	Freely available from: www.pedro.org.au
TRIP (Turning Research into Practice)	TRIP searches multiple evidence-based websites simultaneously, thus saving the searcher valuable time	Freely available from: www.tripdatabase.com.uk
UptoDate	Evidence-based resource for clinicians	HSE National Library’s electronic resources

Facts & figures:

Name	Description	Available From
CSO (Central Statistics Office)	Statistics relating to the economic, social and general conditions in Ireland. Includes births/deaths/marriages	Freely available from www.cso.ie
ESRI (Economic Social & Research Institute)	Includes national data on acute hospital discharges	Freely available from www.esri.ie
National Cancer Registry	Comprehensive cancer figures and trends in Ireland since 1994	Freely available from www.ncirl.ie

Guidelines:

Name	Description	Available From
HSE Intranet	Links to International guidelines and care pathways	Available to HSE staff from http://hsenet.hse.ie/HSE Central/Quality_and_Clinical_Care/ Health_Intelligence/Health_Intelligence_Links/
NICE (National Institute of Clinical Excellence)	Independent organisation that produces evidence-based guidelines for the UK Dept. of Health	Freely available from www.nice.org.uk
National Guideline Clearinghouse	Hosted by the US Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Updated weekly	Freely available from www.ngc.gov
SIGN (Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network)	Evidence-based clinical practice guidelines for the National Health Service (NHS) in Scotland	Freely available from www.sign.ac.uk