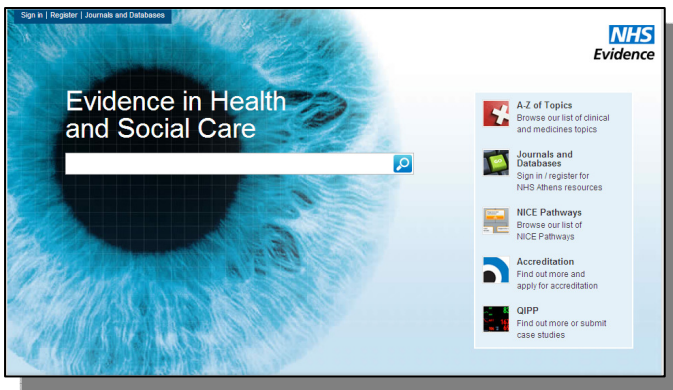


NHS Evidence www.evidence.nhs.uk

Quick Reference Guide

What is NHS Evidence?

NHS Evidence is a site provided by NICE that searches a number of evaluated sites for evidence-based health and social care information.



What types of evidence does it search?

The main search function covers resources such as:

- Systematic reviews (including Cochrane reviews)
- Health Technology Assessments
- Guidelines (mainly UK)
- Drug information (from BNF and other resources)
- Statistics
- Clinical pathways
- Selected primary research

Other resources, such as healthcare databases for locating journal articles, can be searched by following the links on the right of the main screen.

How can I access it?

Access NHS Evidence at www.evidence.nhs.uk.

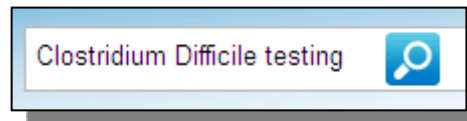
There is no need to register (though you can do so to receive email alerts and save searches), and it is free to search.

How do I search?

NHS Evidence uses a simple Google-style search box.

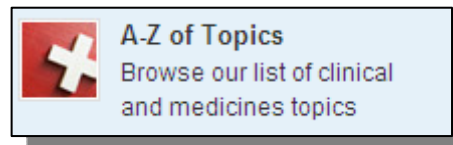
For best results, use a few keywords from your search question.

For example, if you're looking for information on testing for clostridium difficile, you could simply type:



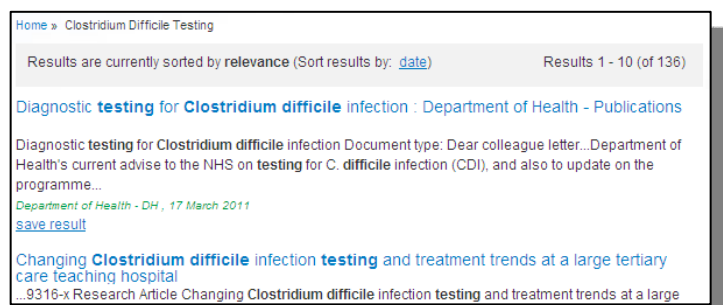
Enter your keywords and click on the magnifying glass or press 'enter' to begin, or select from the list of suggested searches.

Alternatively, you can browse the A-Z of topics.

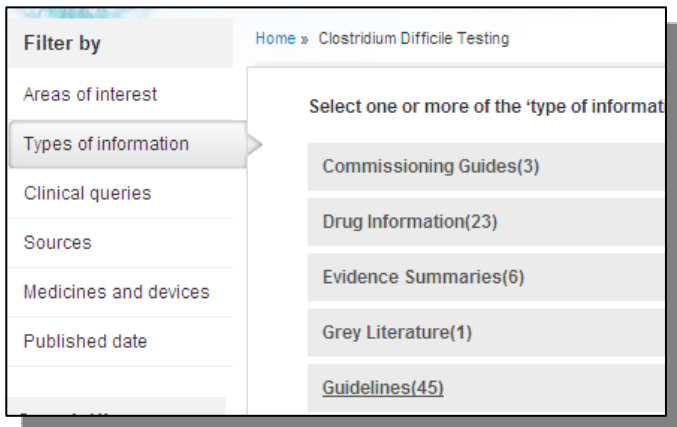


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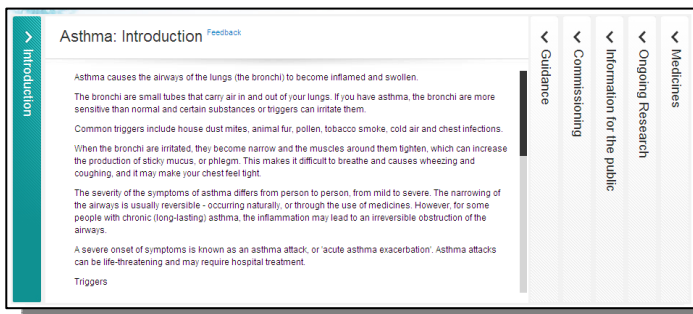
Results are shown in order of relevance, and 10 items are shown on each page.



To filter results by area of interest, type of information, clinical query, source, medicine or device, or date, click on the links in the panel on the left.



If you searched using the A-Z of topics, or if your search term matched a topic, you may also see a topic summary, providing quick links to the main guidance, commissioning information, information for patients, ongoing research and medicines information.



How can I view the full text of an item?

In general, clicking on the title of the item will take you to the website where the full-text is hosted.

Some sources may only provide summaries or critical appraisals of published papers, not the full-text of the paper discussed, but you can access items from many medical journals by visiting the NHS Journals list which can be found by following the 'Journals and Databases' link from the front page.

You'll need to login with an NHS Athens account to search the full collection and access many of the journals.

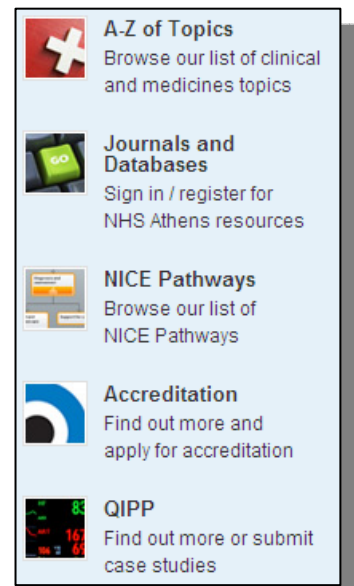
What about the NHS healthcare databases?

The major database, such as Medline, EMBASE and CINAHL are still available by following the link to 'Journals and Databases' on the front page. You'll need an NHS Athens account to use them.

What else is available?

You can also access the new NICE Pathways, and QIPP resources via the menu on the left of the front page.

The 'Journals and Databases' page also provides access to the NHS Journal collection, the e-books collection, and access to the Zetoc journals contents tables alerting service.



Can I access NHS Evidence on my mobile?

You can access the main NHS Evidence search on smartphones and handheld devices by visiting

<http://m.evidence.nhs.uk/>