

The Cochrane Library

What is the Cochrane Library?

The Cochrane Library is a collection of evidence based databases, best known for its Database of Systematic Reviews which are the “gold standard” of systematic reviews.

How do I access the Cochrane Library?

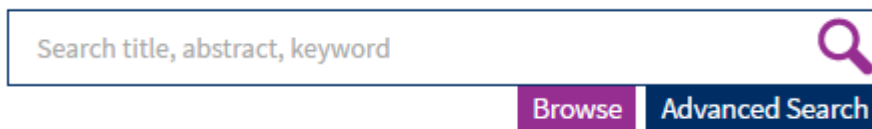
Go to www.cochranelibrary.com

No password or username is required, however if you wish to save searches then you will need to register by clicking **login/register** on the search result page.

How do I use it?

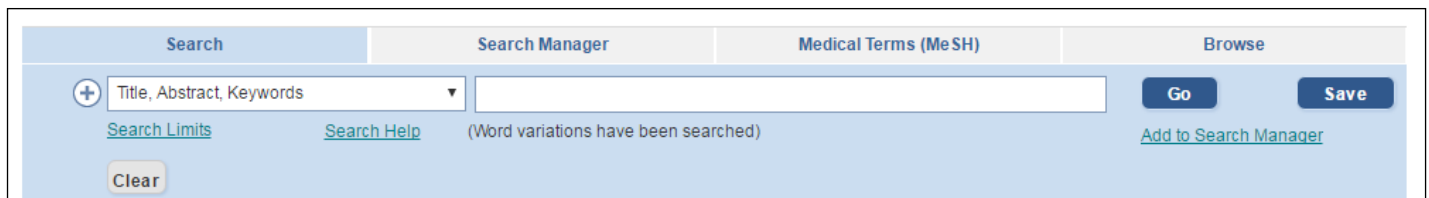
There are three ways to find systematic reviews:

1. Conduct a quick search using the box on the front page of the website:



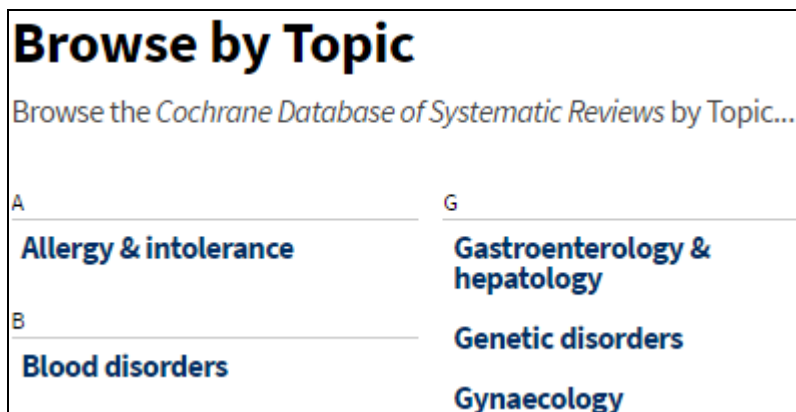
A search box with the placeholder text "Search title, abstract, keyword" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the box are two buttons: "Browse" (purple) and "Advanced Search" (dark blue).

2. Conduct an Advanced Search by selecting that option and using these boxes:



The advanced search interface shows a navigation bar with "Search", "Search Manager", "Medical Terms (MeSH)", and "Browse". The "Search" section contains a dropdown menu set to "Title, Abstract, Keywords", a search input field, and buttons for "Go" and "Save". Below the input field are links for "Search Limits", "Search Help", and "Add to Search Manager". A "Clear" button is also present.

3. Select Browse from the front page and search Cochrane by topic:



The "Browse by Topic" section features the heading "Browse by Topic" and the subtext "Browse the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews by Topic...". It displays a grid of topic categories:

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Allergy & intolerance	Gastroenterology & hepatology
B	Genetic disorders
Blood disorders	Gynaecology

Results

From the results page you can select to view other resources such as clinical trials, see the full text by selecting the title, and see key information about the reviews found:

The screenshot shows the search results page for 'kangaroo care in Title, Abstract, Keywords in Cochrane Reviews'. The page title is 'Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews : Issue 2 of 12, February 2017'. It indicates that there are 4 results from 9738 records. The search results are sorted by 'Relevance: high to low'. The results list includes:

- Kangaroo mother care to reduce morbidity and mortality in low birthweight infants** by Agustin Conde-Agudelo and José L Díaz-Rossello. Online Publication Date: August 2016. Includes a 'Review' button.
- Skin-to-skin care for procedural pain in neonates** by Celeste Johnston, Marsha Campbell-Yeo, Timothy Disher, Britney Benoit, Ananda Fernandes, David Streiner, Darlene Inglis and Rebekah Zee. Online Publication Date: February 2017. Includes 'Ns', 'Cc', and 'Review' buttons.
- Early skin-to-skin contact for mothers and their healthy newborn infants** by Elizabeth R Moore, Nils Bergman, Gene C Anderson and Nancy Medley. Online Publication Date: November 2016. Includes 'Ns' and 'Review' buttons.
- Non-pharmacological management of infant and young child procedural pain** by Rebecca R Pillai Riddell, Nicole M Racine, Hannah G Gennis, Kara Turcotte, Lindsay S Uman, Rachel E Horton, Sara Ahola Kohut, Jessica Hillgrove Stuart, Bonnie Stevens and Diana M Lisi. Online Publication Date: December 2015. Includes 'Ns' and 'Review' buttons.

On the left side, there are filters for 'All Results (218)', 'Cochrane Reviews (4)', 'Other Reviews (3)', 'Trials (209)', 'Methods Studies (0)', 'Technology Assessments (2)', 'Economic Evaluations (0)', and 'Cochrane Groups (0)'. Below these are filters for 'All', 'Current Issue', and various study types: Methodology (Me), Diagnostic (Dx), Overview (Ov), Prognosis (Pg), Qualitative (Qu), Conclusions changed (Cc), New search (Ns), Major change (Mc), and Update (Up).

Further help:

On the home page click on 'more resources' and select 'Cochrane learning'

Attend a library training session – contact Library staff to discuss your requirements and arrange a convenient time

For any extra help contact Library staff

The 'More Resources' menu is a vertical list of links on a purple background. The links are:

- Other Reviews (DARE)
- Methods Studies (CMR)
- Technology Assessments (HTA)
- Economic Evaluations (EED)
- About Cochrane Database (ABOUT)
- Other Sites**
- Cochrane Clinical Answers
- Cochrane Journal Club
- Cochrane Learning
- Cochrane Podcasts

An arrow from the 'Further help' box points to the 'Cochrane Learning' link.

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