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| **EBM Database/Resource** | Access options | Content summary | Value/significance | More Info / Bottom Line |
| ACP Journal Club American College of Physicians - American Society of Internal Medicine (ACP-ASIM)  [acpjc.acponline.org/Content/index.htm](http://acpjc.acponline.org/Content/index.htm) | * Abstracts included in PubMed (free) * Web access at acpjc.acponline.org/ ($) * In print or online in *Annals of Internal Medicine* ($) * Via the OVID EBMR collection ($) | Includes value-added abstracts and commentary on selected original studies and systematic reviews. Focus is internal medicine. | Filtering of 100+ top journals for clinically relevant, methodologically sound studies. Expert commentaries on clinical usefulness supplement enhanced abstracts. | Excellent source to find important studies in medicine that are pre-appraised.  [JAMA. 2000; 283(14): 1875-](http://www.cche.net/usersguides/resources.asp)  [1879](http://www.cche.net/usersguides/resources.asp) |
| ACP Smart Medicine American College of Physicians  [smartmedicine.acponline.org/](http://smartmedicine.acponline.org/) | * Online (free to ACP members, others subscribe for $) | Decision support tool designed to provide targeted evidence-based recommendations on fairly common internal medicine topics. | Key points, guidelines, recommendations, and integrated related content from *ACP Journal Club* and *Annals of Internal Medicine.* | More of an UpToDate competitor for clinical decision support. Free for ACP members. |
| Clinical Evidence BMJ Publishing Group  [clinicalevidence.bmj.com](http://clinicalevidence.bmj.com/) | * Online ($) * In print ($) * App available ($) | Aims to cover common or important clinical conditions seen in primary and hospital care. Systematic overviews cover the benefits and harms of preventive and therapeutic interventions. | Content based on pre-selected clinical questions. Results of thorough literature searches about current evidence are summarized into concise answers. Rigorously peer-reviewed. | Use for evidence-driven overviews on common conditions. |
| **Clinical Key**  **First Consult**  [info.clinicalkey.com](http://info.clinicalkey.com/)  Elsevier | * Online ($) | Seeking to be an all-in-one library, Clinical Key contains First Consult, books, procedures, guidelines, drug information, patient education handouts, MEDLINE, and Elsevier journal citations. | Books provide information for background questions. First Consult provides concise summaries of diseases for point-of-care use. | Use First Consult to find concise, action-oriented recommendations supported by evidence. Use textbooks to answer background questions**.** |
| **Cochrane Library**  [www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Brand/id-6.html](http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Brand/id-6.html) [www.cochrane.org](http://www.cochrane.org/) | * In the Cochrane Library at [www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Brand/id-6.html](http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Brand/id-6.html) ($) * Abstracts only at [www.cochrane.org/](http://www.cochrane.org/) (free) * Abstracts in PubMed * Via the OVID EBMR collection ($) | Regularly updated collection of EBM databases, including:   * Cochrane Systematic Reviews * DARE * Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials * Cochrane Methodology Register * Health Technology Assessment Database * NHS Economic Evaluation Database | The Cochrane Library aims to “prepare, maintain & promote the accessibility of systematic reviews of the effects of health care interventions.” | Within the Cochrane Library, it’s the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews that is of primary interest to clinicians. It sets the gold standard for quality reviews on clinically-relevant topics.  [J Med Libr Assoc. 2005 July; 93(3): 409–410](http://www.pubmedcentral.gov/articlerender.fcgi?tool=pmcentrez&artid=1175814) |
| **Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL)** | * In the Cochrane Library at [www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Brand/id-6.html](http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Brand/id-6.html) ($) * In the OVID EBMR collection ($) | International collection of controlled trials from a variety of sources. | Includes reports published in other sources not currently listed in MEDLINE or related databases. | Use the Cochrane Trials register when preparing a new systematic review or searching for clinical trials from the international literature. |
| **Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews** | * In the Cochrane Library at [www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Brand/id-6.html](http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Brand/id-6.html) ($) * Abstracts only at [www.cochrane.org/](http://www.cochrane.org/) * Abstracts in PubMed * In the OVID EBMR collection ($) | Systematic reviews, most using meta-analysis, from the 50 Collaborative Review Groups. Focused topic summaries. | Gold standard for systematic reviews. | Use the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews to locate high quality, well-documented systematic reviews. |
| Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE)  [www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb](http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb)  Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, Univ. of York, UK | * Online (free) in the CRD database [www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb](http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb) * In the Cochrane Library at [www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Brand/id-6.html](http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Brand/id-6.html) ($) * OVID EBMR collection ($) | Structured abstracts of critically appraised systematic reviews. | Evaluations of non-Cochrane systematic reviews from a variety of sources. | Use DARE when searching for additional sources of systematic reviews. |
| DynaMed [www.ebscohost.com/dynamed](http://www.ebscohost.com/dynamed/)  EBSCO | * Online ($) * App available ($) | Over 3,200 topics. Focuses on diagnosis and treatment options. Systematic literature surveillance process monitors over 500 journals and integrates new evidence as it is published. | Extensive; updated daily. Bulleted format provides highlights from primary literature; users are encouraged to access original studies. Adheres to EBM principles – doesn’t answer questions for you. | Use for finding the evidence at the point of care. Useful for tracking back to the original studies.  [J Med Libr Assoc. 2005 July; 93(3): 412–414](http://www.pubmedcentral.gov/articlerender.fcgi?tool=pmcentrez&artid=1175815) |
| Essential Evidence [www.essentialevidenceplus.com](http://www.essentialevidenceplus.com/)  Wiley InterScience/InfoPOEMs | * Online ($) | Filtered, synopsized, evidence-based information, allowing you to search across multiple databases, including: EBM Guidelines, Daily POEMs, Cochrane Abstracts, Practice Guidelines, Calculators, Diagnostic Tests, and Calculators | Integrated system for quick searching of key resources; primarily of interest to family medicine practitioners. | Use Essential Evidence for “just-in-time” evidence-based answers to primary care clinical questions.  Med Ref Serv Q. 2009 Spring; 28(1):105-6. DOI: 10.1080/02763860802616144 |
| **Evidence-Based Medicine Reviews (OVID EBMR)**  [www.ovid.com](http://www.ovid.com/)  OVID | * Online ($) | Single search engine for Cochrane Library files plus the ACP Journal Club. | Integrated searching of core EBM databases using the OVID interface. | Use OVID EBMR for a single portal to the main Cochrane Library files and ACP Journal Club |
| Google Scholar [scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com/) | * Online (free) | Searches broadly across a variety of web-based resources | Easy to use; familiar tool; does not disclose exactly what sites and resources it searches. Lacks good EBM filters. | When you can’t find information in other databases  [N Engl J Med. 2006 Jan 5;354(1):4-7](http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/extract/354/1/4)  [J Med Libr Assoc. 2006 January; 94(1): 97–99](http://www.pubmedcentral.gov/articlerender.fcgi?tool=pmcentrez&artid=1324783) |
| Guideline Clearinghouse [www.guidelines.gov](http://www.guidelines.gov/) | * Online (free) | Evidence-based clinical practice guidelines from national and international organizations and governments. | Structured abstracts (summaries) about the guideline. Links to full-text guidelines, where available. Easy to use comparison table. | Use guidelines.gov to find high quality practice guidelines from a variety of respected sources.  J Am Acad Nurse Pract. 2003 Mar;15(3):98-101. |
| Medscape Reference (E-Medicine) [emedicine.medscape.com](http://emedicine.medscape.com/)  Medscape | * Online through Medscape Reference (free, but registration required) * Medscape app available (free) | Clinical knowledge base in 63 specialty areas covering thousands of diseases and disorders. | Peer-reviewed disease summaries; multimedia files, clinical tools and differential diagnosis information. Academic medical center partners. Advertisements accepted. | Use Medscape Reference / eMedicine for textbook style information relevant to multiple specialties  Med Ref Serv Q. 2002; Summer 21(2):47-54. DOI: 10.1300/J115v21n02\_05 |
| PubMed **Clinical Queries**  [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query/static/clinical.html](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query/static/clinical.html)  National Library of Medicine | * Online (free) via PubMed – www.pubmed.gov | Filters for retrieving methodologically sound studies in four categories (therapy, diagnosis, etiology, and prognosis) plus systematic reviews. | Quick access for retrieving evidence-based original studies and systematic reviews from MEDLINE (based on the work of RB Haynes from McMaster). | Use PubMed’s clinical queries to select evidence-based studies from the MEDLINE database. |
| SUMSearch 2 [sumsearch.org](http://sumsearch.org/)  University of Kansas | * Online (free ) | Meta-search engine for selected EBM resources on the Internet. | Single gateway for MEDLINE, DARE, and practice guidelines; pulls feeds from First Watch and ACP Journal Club to promote current awareness. | Aggregates evidence from multiple sources, but has a rudimentary interface that may be hard to use. |
| TRIP Database [www.tripdatabase.com](http://www.tripdatabase.com/)  Centre for Research Support (Wales) | * Online (free) | Meta-search engine for sources of high quality internet information, including PubMed’s clinical queries, government guidelines, e-journals and e-textbooks. | EBM-specific features such as a PICO search, evidence filters, and rapid review make this a relevant and interesting way to search for the best evidence. | Use TRIP when seeking pre-appraised evidence, reviews, and guidelines. Strong UK/Canada/Australia focus. |
| UpToDate  [www.uptodate.com](http://www.uptodate.com/) | * Online ($) | Concise, peer-reviewed topical summaries, chiefly in internal medicine and its subspecialties, focusing on diagnosis and treatment. | An easy-to-use database that provides quick answers to clinical questions. Summaries are a combination of synthesized literature reviews and expert knowledge. | Use UpToDate for peer-reviewed answers to specific clinical questions  [J Med Libr Assoc. 2003 January; 91(1): 97](http://www.pubmedcentral.gov/articlerender.fcgi?tool=pmcentrez&artid=141198) |