



## FINDING THE EVIDENCE SEARCHING EVIDENCE-BASED RESOURCES

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**A**fter establishing the important words which describe the search, the best way to find reliable and reputable information with which to answer a clinical question, is to access research databases. If you have access to a medical or university library, consult the librarian about available resources. New reference resources are regularly being developed.

There are freely available resources on the internet. While these free resources may not provide access to all available research evidence, these valuable resources will be of help to clinicians who do not have access to the resources of a library. For the allied health discipline-specific clinical questions reported in Chapters 5-15, we report only on the results of searches using freely available resources. Taking this approach, any clinician could replicate the reported search processes to enhance their searching skills.

### **Databases**

#### **Primary databases (requiring subscription)**

Primary databases contain references to a wide range of original research and other journal articles. Here are examples of some primary databases that enable clinicians to search for original research articles. Use of these databases requires payment of a subscription.