GETTING STARTED

Harris Library Where to Start: Evidence-based Practice
http://msass.cwru.edu/harrilibrary/LibStudents/where2start/evidencebased.htm

Evidence-based Practice for the Helping Professions
http://www.evidence.brookscole.com/

RESEARCH DATABASES

CINAHL Plus with Full-Text
The database includes information on 3,000 journals from the fields of nursing and 17 allied health fields, including physical therapy. It also indexes health care books, selected conference proceedings, standards of practice, book chapters, and Evidence-Based Care Sheets.

Search Tips: Use Advanced Search and click the Evidence-Based Practice check box under Limit your results. Other option: Under Publication Type select Critical Path, Evidence-Based Care Sheet, Practice Guidelines, Research, Review, or Systematic Review. You can choose more than one item by holding down the Ctrl key while making your selections.

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
Based on the best available information about healthcare interventions, Cochrane reviews explore the evidence for and against the effectiveness and appropriateness of treatments (medications, surgery, education, etc) in specific circumstances. Designed to facilitate the choices that doctors, patients, policy makers and others face in health care, the complete reviews are published in The Cochrane Library four times a year.

Search Tips: You might want to try the Multi-field search or the Advanced Search option. You can use appropriate Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) terms to find information. Also, try all relevant keywords when doing your search because not all content is indexed under MeSH. Use the Find Citation option to look up the article title, journal name or author’s last name.

Evidence-Based Medicine Reviews
This database covers a combination of sources that provide systematic reviews of topics, article reviews, and access to definitive controlled trials, including the Cochrane Reviews. Please refer to the search tips found under the description of the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews in this handout.

PsycINFO
PsycINFO provides abstracts and citations of the scholarly literature in the behavioral sciences and mental health. It includes material of relevance to psychologists and professionals in psychology and related fields such as psychiatry, management, business, education, social science, neuroscience, law, medicine, and social work.

Search Tips: You can use the thesaurus to add the subject terms Evidence Based Practice, Treatment Outcomes, Best Practices, or Clinical Trials to your topic search. Another option: first do your search on your topic. Once you have your search results, click the All Limit Options link in the gray area near the top of the screen. On the next screen scroll down to the Methodology pull-down menu, select Literature Review, Systematic Reviews, Meta Analysis, or Treatment Outcomes. You can choose more than one item by holding down the Ctrl key while making your selections.
MEDLINE
MEDLINE covers the fields of medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, and the preclinical sciences. This database contains bibliographic citations (e.g., authors, title, and journal reference) and author abstracts from 4,500 biomedical journals published in the United States and 70 foreign countries. Search Tips: Use Advanced Search and click the EBM Reviews check box under Limit your results. Other option: Under Publication Type selectClinical Trial, Controlled Clinical Trial, Guideline, Meta-Analysis, Practice Guideline, Randomized Controlled Trial, or Review. You can choose more than one item by holding down the Ctrl key while making your selections.

Social Work Abstracts
This database contains information in the area of social work including homelessness, AIDS, child and family welfare, and aging. Search Tips: Select a specific topic (e.g. adoption or substance abuse) and combine with the keywords like evidence based practice, evidence-based practice, meta analysis, meta-analysis, evidence-based practice, practice guidelines, or best practices to find articles relating to evidence based practice in specific areas. Or try combining your topic with search terms called MOLES that are suggested by Gibbs in Evidence-Based Practice for the Helping Professions.

Note: There are subject-specific databases that you can try searching including AGELINE, ERIC (Education Resources Information Center), SocIndex and many more!

WEBSITES

The Annie E. Casey Foundation  http://www.aecf.org/

Campbell Collaboration  http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/

Center for Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) at Case Western Reserve University http://www.centerforebp.case.edu/

Cochrane Library  http://www.cochrane.org/

National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP) http://nrepp.samhsa.gov/

The websites listed above are a small representation that focuses on Evidence-Based Practice. For more links and website suggestions, please visit the following sites:

Harris Library Where to Start: Evidence-based Practice http://msass.cwru.edu/harrislibrary/LibStudents/where2start/evidencebased.htm

University of Michigan Evidence-based Practice for Pre and Post MSWs http://guides.lib.umich.edu/content.php?pid=29519

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