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Database Cheat Sheet

This guide will help you get started searching health information within your Queensland Health role.

Databases are available via:

- C = CKN (ckn.org.au),
- Q = Qld Health Libraries website (www.health.qld.gov.au/libraries/default.asp) or,
- D = Directly via the Internet (URL supplied).

Most topics have a range of e-books and e-journals available too accessible via the Qld Health Libraries catalogue or CKN. If you are studying, your own institution will also have a range of resources available through their library service. The State Library of Queensland also provides online resources (www.slq.qld.gov.au/search/eresources). Registration is required for each of the above services.

Hints

Register as a User - All the e-resources (Qld Health Libraries, CKN and State Library of Qld) require registration to provide full functionality and remote access.

A description of each database is provided on the supplying service site; select the link "about". For current projects use ARCHI (Australian Research Centre for Health Innovations.)









Effective Searching









Start your search from a broad base and then narrow or limit your results e.g. searching for type 2 diabetes in teenage males, initially search terms individually ie "diabetes" – make use of suggested search terms provided by the database and then combine search terms using AND/OR results can then be limited by language, age, year of publication, etc.











Developed by the US National Library of Medicine, MESH (Medical Subject Headings) is a [controlled vocabulary thesaurus](#) developed to ensure precise searching www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/. If you are having problems or spending more than ten minutes on a search, ask your library professional for help.






Use free text terms also but remember to use both American and English spellings e.g. pediatric AND paediatric. Remember also to use truncation * to ensure your search includes and suffix for a term e.g. child* will search for children, childs, childhood, childlike, etc. Also utilise synonyms ie words that have the same meaning e.g. Aged, Aging, Ageing, Older, Elderly, etc.










Topic and Recommended Databases




Topic/Discipline	Suggested MESH Terms	Significant Australian Content	Access via CKN (C) QHLibs (Q) Directly (D)	Recommended Databases	URL
Ageing <i>See also dementia, stroke & rehabilitation</i>	Aging		D D	ARCHI (Australian Resource Centre for Healthcare Innovation) National Aging Research Institute NARI	www.archi.net.au/ www.nari.org.au/
AIDS/HIV	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome HIV		D D D	AIDSinfo including Clinical Trials (USDHHS) HIV Drug Resistance Database Australian HIV Observational Database (AHOD)	aidsinfo.nih.gov/ hivdb.stanford.edu/ www.kirby.unsw.edu.au/projects/australian-hiv-observational-database-ahod
Allied Health (Occupations) (Personnel)	Allied Health Occupations Allied Health, Personnel	 	C C C C/D Q/C D D	Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) CINAHL (Cumulative Index of Nursing & Allied Health Literature) Best Practice (Including Clinical Evidence) Cochrane Medline PubMed National Aging Research Institute NARI	www.cochrane.org www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/ www.nari.org.au/
Alzheimer Disease see Dementia					
Ambulatory Care			C C C C/D Q/C	Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) CINAHL (Cumulative Index of Nursing & Allied Health Literature) Best Practice (Including Clinical Evidence) Cochrane Medline/PubMed	www.cochrane.org www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/
Australian Material	Use Individual State Names	  	D C D D	ARCHI (Australian Resource Centre for Healthcare Innovation) Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) HealthDirect Australia National Aging Research Institute NARI	www.archi.net.au/ www.healthdirect.gov.au/ www.nari.org.au/
Cancer / Oncology	Neoplasms		D D D	Cancer Literature in PubMed CancerNet Practice Update (including OncologySTAT)	www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/cancerlibrary/cancerliterature www.cancer.net/ www.practiceupdate.com/general/oncologystat

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Care Plans & Clinical Pathways	Plans, Nursing Care Patient Care Planning Clinical Pathways		D C	Clinical Practice Guidelines Portal (Australian NHMRC) Clinical Pathways	www.clinicalguidelines.gov.au/index.php
Complementary & Alternative Medicine	Complementary Therapies		D D D	CAM on PubMed Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (US)	http://nccam.nih.gov/research/camonpubmed http://naturaldatabase.therapeuticresearch.com http://nccam.nih.gov/
Continence	Urinary Incontinence, Fecal Incontinence	 	C D C C/D	Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) ARCHI CINAHL Cochrane	www.archi.net.au/ www.cochrane.org
Dementia	Dementia, Alzheimer Disease	  	D C C C/D D C/D C C	ARCHI (Australian Resource Centre for Healthcare Innovation) Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) CINAHL Medline/PubMed National Aging Research Institute (NARI) PsycBite PsycInfo SocInfo	www.archi.net.au/ www.mednwh.unimelb.edu.au/nari_tools/nari_to_ols_dementia.html www.psycbite.com/
Dental	Dental Care, Oral Hygiene		C C C C/D	Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) Cochrane Embase Medline/PubMed	www.cochrane.org
Dictionaries & Abbreviations			C C C/D D	Blacks Medical Dictionary MedTerms Medical dictionary Medline Plus medical dictionary Macquarie dictionary	
Dietetics	Dietetics		C C/D D C/D C D	CINAHL Cochrane Glycemic Index Dietary Supplements (PubMed subset) Medications & Mothers Milk PEN: Practice-based Evidence in Nutrition	www.cochrane.org www.glycemicindex.com/ ods.od.nih.gov/Health_Information/IBIDS.aspx www.pennutrition.com/index.aspx

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Disabilities				NARIC	www.nari.org
Diseases/ Conditions	Disease		D	E-Medicine	http://emedicine.medscape.com/
Drugs & Poisons	Pharmaceutical Preparations Poisons		C C C C C C C	Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH) Embase Medications & Mothers Milk MIMS Therapeutic Guidelines (TGA) Micromedex • Toxicology • Drug interactions TOXINZ	
Evidence Based Practice	Evidence-Based Practice	 	D C/D C C/D C	ARCHI (Australian Resource Centre for Healthcare Innovation) Australian Indigenous ClinicalInfoNet Best Practice Cochrane TRIP	www.archi.net.au/ www.clinicalinfonet.net.au/Pages/default.aspx www.cochrane.org
Falls	Accidental Falls	  	D D D	ARCHI (Australian Resource Centre for Healthcare Innovation) National Aging Research Institute (NARI) NARI Tools – Falls & Balance	www.archi.net.au/ www.nari.org www.mednwh.unimelb.edu.au/nari_tools/nari_to_ols_falls.html
Hospital in the Home	Home Care Services, Hospital-Based		C C/D	CINAHL Cochrane	www.cochrane.org
Indigenous Health	Aborigines, Australian	 	C C/D	Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) Australian Indigenous ClinicalInfoNet (excellent EBP site)	www.clinicalinfonet.net.au/Pages/default.aspx
Management	Organization and Administration, Delivery of HealthCare, Models, Patient Care Management, Patient Care Bundles, Goals of Care	 	C D C C C C	Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Business Source Premier CINAHL Emerald Management Reviews Medline/PubMed PsycInfo	www.abs.gov.au/

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Medical (General)			C C C C C	Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) Cochrane Clinical Evidence CINAHL Medline/PubMed Trip	www.cochrane.org
Mental Health	Mental Health, Psychology Applied, Psychophysiology, Resilience, Psychological		C C C D D C C C	Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) CINAHL Medline/PubMed National Aging Research Institute NARI PsycBite Psychiatry Online PsycInfo SocIndex	www.nari.unimelb.edu.au/nari_research/nari_research_mental-health.html www.psycbite.com/
Nursing	Nursing		C C C C C	Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) Cochrane CINAHL Medline/PubMed Nursing Consult	www.cochrane.org
Occupational Therapy	Occupational Therapy, Activities of Daily Living, Early Ambulation, Rehabilitation, Vocational		C C/D C C	Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) Cochrane CINAHL OTSeeker	www.cochrane.org
Oncology see Cancer					
Pathways	Clinical Pathways, Managed Care Program, Patient Care Planning		C	Clinical Pathways	
Patient Handouts	Consumer Health Information, Patient Education Handout		C D D C D	(See CKN links under Decision Support/patient-handouts) Emedicine HealthDirect Australia JAMA Patient Pages Medline Plus	http://emedicine.medscape.com/ www.healthdirect.gov.au/ www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/

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Physiotherapy	Physical Therapy Modalities, Physical Therapy Speciality		C C C C	AusportMed CINAHL Cochrane PEDro	
Rehabilitation	Rehabilitation (can also be used as a qualifier)	 	D D	NARIC – Rehabilitation National Aging Research Institute NARI	www.nari.unimelb.edu.au/nari_research/nari_research_health-care-rehab.html www.nari.org.au/
Renal			C C C C/D C/D C	Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) CINAHL Clinical Evidence Cochrane Medline/PubMed Nursing Consult	www.cochrane.org
Public Health & Policy	Public Health, Health Policy,		C D C C C/D D	Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) CABI – Global Health CINAHL Health Policy Reference Center Medline/PubMed World Health Organization	www.who.int/en/
Sexual Health	Reproductive Health		C C C C/D C/D C C	Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) CINAHL Clinical Evidence Cochrane Medline/PubMed Nursing Consult Popline	www.cochrane.org
Speech Therapy			C C/D C/Q	SpeechBITE Cochrane Medline/PubMed	
Stroke / CVA	Stroke,	 	D D	NARIC National Aging Research Institute (NARI) – Rehabilitation	www.nari.org.au/ www.nari.unimelb.edu.au/nari_research/nari_research_health-care-rehab.html

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Subacute Care	Subacute Care		C C C C/D C/D	Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) CINAHL Clinical Evidence Cochrane Medline/PubMed	
Substance Abuse	Substance-Related Disorders, Street Drugs,		D C C/D C C C/D C C	Alcohol and alcohol problems science database Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) Cochrane Clinical Evidence CINAHL Medline/PubMed Nursing Consult PsycInfo	http://etoh.niaaa.nih.gov/ www.cochrane.org
Speech Pathology	Speech-Language Pathology		C C/D C/D	CINAHL Cochrane SpeechBITE	www.cochrane.org www.speechbite.com
Telehealth / Telemedicine	Telemedicine		C	Informit Health Collection (AustHealth) Telemedicine Information Exchange (TIE)	

Websites for General Health Information:

Australia: Health Direct Australia www.healthdirect.gov.au
 Better Health Channel (Vic) www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au
 Health and Wellbeing (Qld) www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/all/index.html

USA: www.webmd.com
www.nlm.gov
www.medicinenet.com

United Kingdom: www.nhs.uk