A Guide to Electronic Health Care/Medical Libraries on the Internet

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The guide is produced by the American International Health Alliance as part of its Knowledge Management Program. This guide provides information on how to obtain access to a variety of full-text health and medical journals, books, and other resources. The following on-line resources are included:

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HINARI. Access to Research in Health Programme
ARDI
Scientific Electronic Library (Russia)

Journal Articles and Books Collections
African Index Medicus
BIOLINE – International
BioMed Central
BLDS Digital Library
Directory of Open Access Books
Directory of Open Access Journals
FreeBookCentre.net
Free Medical Books
Free Medical Journals
F1000Posters
Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research - Free Medical Journals
Hesperian Health Guides
HighWire Press Free Online Full-text Articles
HighWire Press Free Access to Developing Economies
LSHTM Research Online
Medbox
Medicalstudent.com - Medical Textbooks
Medknow
Medscape
Meducation.net
National Academies Press
PLoS
POPLINE
PubMed Bookshelf
PubMed Central
SciELO Public Health
ScienceDirect
WHO Medicines Bookshelf

EBM resources

Cochrane Library
WHO Reproductive Health Library

Full-text Internet Resources Search Tools
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OAIster
Open Access Theses and Dissertations
Open Science Directory
Registry of Open Access Repositories (ROAR)

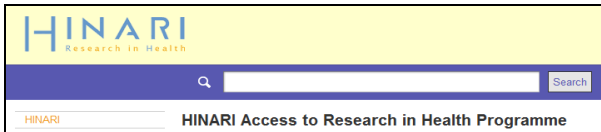The guide is regularly updated. The current version is available at:
http://www.healthconnect-intl.org/resources.html

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International and National Projects

HINARI
Access to Research in Health Programme
http://www.who.int/hinari/en/

Resources
HINARI Programme set up by WHO together with major publishers, enables low- and middle- income countries to gain access to one of the world's largest collections of biomedical and health literature. Up to 13,000 journals (in 30 different languages), up to 29,000 e-books, up to 70 other information resources are now available to health institutions in more than 100 countries, areas and territories benefiting many thousands of health workers and researchers, and in turn, contributing to improve world health. . The web-site is available in 6 languages.

Not all of these eBooks are related to health professionals. As an additional searching option you can use a 'HINARI medical library' filter to enable students/residents or other professionals better access to relevant material. This can be found at:
https://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/HINARI_medical_library

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Local, not-for-profit institutions in two groups of countries may register for access to the publications through HINARI. The country lists are based on four factors: Total GNI (World Bank figures), GNI per capita (World Bank figures), United Nations Least Developed Country (LDCs) List and Human Development Index (HDI).

Eligible categories of institutions are: national universities, research institutes, professional schools (medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health, dentistry), teaching hospitals, government offices and national medical libraries, other not-for-profit institutions. All staff members and students are entitled to access to the journals.

If your institution is in a Group A (free access) country, then HINARI is free. If your institution is in a Group B (low-cost access) country, HINARI costs US $1000 per institution per calendar year (from January through December). All institutions registering from Group B countries are entitled to a six month trial.

If your institution is in Group B (low-cost access) country, and you cannot or choose not to pay the annual fee, your institution will still be eligible for free access to a number of information resources.

Registration
- Fill in the registration form (http://registration.research4life.org/register/Default.aspx?language=EN).
- A single password will be sent to your organization (in the name of its librarian or director).

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Access to Research for Development and Innovation (ARDI)
The Access to Research for Development and Innovation (ARDI) program provides free online access to major scientific and technical journals to local, not-for-profit institutions in least-developed countries.
http://www.wipo.int/ardi/en/

Resources
17 publishers provide access to around 20,000 journals, books, and reference works for 117 developing countries and territories through ARDI. The ARDI program was launched in 2009 by the World Intellectual Property Organization in cooperation with such publishers as Elsevier; John Wiley & Sons; Oxford University Press; National Academy of Sciences; Nature Publishing Group; Sage Publications; Springer Science+Business Media; Taylor & Francis. Among others, includes science and technology journals in biotechnology, medical technology and computing.

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Scientific Electronic Library (Russia)
A project of the Russian Foundation for Fundamental Studies
http://elibrary.ru

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eLIBRARY.RU
ДЛЯ ЧИТАТЕЛЕЙ | ДЛЯ ОРГАНИЗАЦИЙ | ДЛЯ ИЗДАТЕЛЕЙ | ДЛЯ АВТОРОВ | ПОДПИСКА

Resources
Full-text electronic versions of 3200 Russian scientific journals (including 2800 open access titles).

Terms and Conditions of Access
Though most journals and databases are available to all registered organizations, some publishers only grant access to a limited number of organizations or charge fees. Any organization irrespective of its status, business area, ownership pattern or geographical location can register itself with the eLibrary.ru server. Individuals can also register and get free access to many journal articles.

Registration
Simple one time registration for individuals.

Journal Articles and Book Collections

African Index Medicus
The World Health Organization, in collaboration with the Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa (AHILA), produces an international index to African health literature and information sources.
http://indexmedicus.afro.who.int/

World Health Organization | African Index Medicus
REGIONAL OFFICE FOR Africa | Access to African Health Information

Resources
The data base includes journal articles from more than 130 African medical journals, also monographs, technical reports and other types of documents. Records include abstracts and links to full text (if available). Articles on or related to Africa and published in other regional or international journals are also indexed.
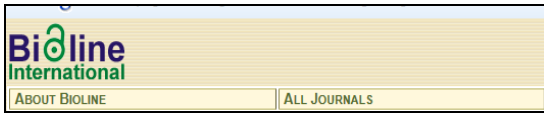
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Access is free.

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BIOLINE-International
Bioline International is managed by scientists and librarians. It is a collaborative initiative between Bioline Toronto (management office) and the Reference Center on Environmental Information, Brazil (host computer and software development). The project is supported by the Digital Scholarship Unit at the University of Toronto Scarborough and by the support of sponsoring libraries and members

http://www.bioline.org.br

Resources
Open access to quality research journals published in developing countries on health care (including tropical medicine, infectious diseases, epidemiology, emerging new diseases), biodiversity, the environment, conservation and international development. Peer-reviewed journals from Brazil, Cuba, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda and other countries (about 35 journals).

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BioMed Central
BioMed Central Publishing House
http://www.biomedcentral.com/

Resources
BioMed Central is a publishing house that grants access to peer-reviewed publications on biomedical studies. BioMed Central publishes on-line journals covering all fields of biology and medicine.

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Free access to 277 open access peer-reviewed journals. The registered users can personalize the contents of the Web site to focus on those articles in the fields of particular interest to them and receive e-mail updates

Registration
Registration is free.

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BLDS Digital Library
BLDS - the largest collection of economic and social development materials in Europe
http://opendocs.ids.ac.uk/opendocs/handle/123456789/3

Resources
150 free online journals and newsletters from development organisations and research institutes Full-text copies of developing country research from the shelves of the British

Library for Development Studies (BLDS). These publications have been made available online to a global audience through partnership agreements between BLDS and research institutes in Africa and Asia. Includes publications on health and social care issues.

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The Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB)
The Directory of Open Access Books is a service of OAPEN Foundation. The OAPEN Foundation is an international initiative dedicated to Open Access monograph publishing, based at the National Library in The Hague. The Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) is a discovery service for peer reviewed books published under an open access license. DOAB provides a searchable index to the information about these books, with links to the full texts of the publications at the publisher's website or repository.
http://www.doabooks.org/

Resources
2780 academic peer-reviewed books from 99 publishers
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Free access

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Directory of Open Access Journals
Directory of Open Access Journals is hosted by Lund University Libraries Head Office. The project is funded by Open Society Institute - Budapest and also supported by SPARC (The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition). The aim of the Directory of Open Access Journals is to increase the visibility and ease of use of open access scientific and scholarly journals thereby promoting their increased usage and impact. The Directory aims to be comprehensive and cover all open access scientific and scholarly journals that use a quality control system to guarantee the content.
 http://www.doaj.org

Resources
This service covers free, full text, quality controlled scientific and scholarly journals. Its aim is to cover all subjects and languages. There are now 103600 journals in the directory (medicine –2270, public health – 270, nursing –80). Currently 61900 journals are searchable on article level. As of today 1,860,000 articles are included in the DOAJ service.

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F1000Posters
F1000Posters is published by F1000 Research Ltd, which is a member of the Science Navigation Group. F1000Posters provides a permanent, structured environment for the deposition of posters and slide presentations as well as a trustworthy venue for ongoing discussion and development of the information being presented.
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F1000Posters is a unique open access repository for more than 7790 posters and slide presentations across biology and medicine.
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FreeBookCenter.net
Freebookcentre.net contains links to thousands of free online technical books.
http://www.freebookcentre.net/medical_text_books_journals/medical_text_books_online.html

Resources
The web-site includes links to free e-books and guides on Medical Sciences, some of the resources in this section can be viewed online and some of them can be downloaded.
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Free Medical Journals
A project of Bernd Sebastian Kamps
 http://www.freemedicaljournals.com/

Resources
The database contains information on 4549 medical journals in various languages (with free access during the first one to six months or one to two years after publication). If you wish to be informed about new free journals, you may subscribe to Journal Alert.

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Access is free.

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Free Medical Books – Free Books for Doctors
A project of Bernd Sebastian Kamps
 http://www.freebooks4doctors.com/

Resources
The database contains information on 364 medical textbooks, monographs and reference books available on the Internet in various languages.
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Access is free.

The Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research - Free Medical Journals

The Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research (GFMER) is a non-profit organization established in 2002. It is supported by the Department of Health of the Canton of Geneva, the Department of Social Affairs of the City of Geneva, the Faculty of Medicine, Geneva University, and the Geneva Medical Association, and works in close collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO). GFMER is a WHO Collaborating Centre in Education and Research in Human Reproduction
 http://www.gfmer.ch/Medical_journals/Free_medical.php

Resources
The database contains information on medical journals in various languages (with free access during the first one to six months, one to two years after publication, or with some free content available). The links are organized by 65 medical topics, and you can also search by keywords.
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Hesperian Health Guides
Hesperian produces and shares easy-to-understand health information for people worldwide in 10 languages
http://hesperian.org/

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Hesperian health guides are developed for communities with limited access to health care. By presenting accurate and actionable health information in a simple, heavily illustrated style, Hesperian makes health information accessible to all, even readers with minimal formal education.

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8 guides are available for free to download and use for creating your own materials

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HighWire Press Free Online Full-text Articles

A project of the Stanford University libraries
 http://highwire.stanford.edu/lists/freeart.dtl

Resources

This List is limited to journals published online with the assistance of HighWire Press. The participating journals focus on science, technology and medicine and are among the most influential publications. The approach to the on-line publication of journals taken by HighWire Press is not limited to the simple creation of electronic images of printed pages. The electronic versions complement the information in printed journals by links to Internet resources, extensive search capabilities, high-resolution images, multimedia and interactive tools. The freely accessible database contains more than 2,4300,000 free full-text articles. There are 33 sites with free trial periods, and 122 completely free sites. 287 sites have free back issues. HighWire Press is, therefore, the world's largest archive of articles on life sciences. You can search across all the journals in the database, choose topics of interest or browse the resources by topic. You can also find the journals that provide RSS feeds**.**

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HighWire Press Free Access to Developing Economies

A project of the Stanford University libraries
 http://highwire.stanford.edu/lists/devecon.dtl

Resources
Journals and books on life and social sciences, including 350 leading medical journals (published online with the assistance of HighWire Press).

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Access is free for low-income countries, plus Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Djibouti, Georgia, Indonesia, Turkmenistan, and Ukraine. Individual publishers use the list from the World Bank as a guideline for determining their policies, so some variation in access per publisher does occur.

Registration
Not needed as the software will automatically identify the country from which the Web site is accessed.

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LSHTM Research Online
The institutional repository for the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. It is a freely accessible online database of the research outputs produced by the school.
http://researchonline.lshtm.ac.uk/

Resources
It currently has over 19,000 bibliographic records and 2,000 full text articles
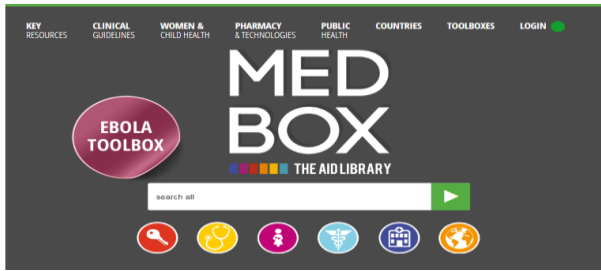
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Where possible it provides access to the full text of research articles, where they are unable to provide the full text, they hold the bibliographical information and provide links to where the full text can be accessed. While each full text item remains the property of the copyright holder reuse of the material within LSHTM Research Online is permitted for private and non commercial study. Multiple search and export options.

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MEDBOX
MEDBOX is an innovative online library aimed at improving the quality of healthcare in humanitarian action, worldwide. It is an independent internet platform that is supported by international agencies and scientific institutions active in humanitarian assistance and development.
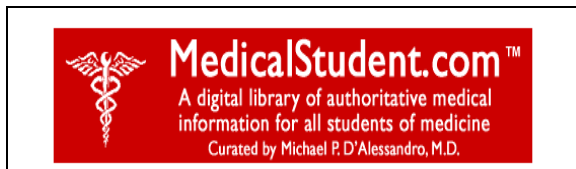 *http://www.medbox.org/*
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Resources
MEDBOX collates the increasing number of professional guidelines, videos, textbooks and practical documents on health action for humanitarian aid workers

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Free access for personal and non-commercial use. Multiple search options

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MedicalStudent.com – Medical Textbooks
http://www.medicalstudent.com/#MedicalTextbooks

Resources: MedicalStudent.com uses the following criteria for World-Wide Web site selection: 1) The site is selected by a process of peer review by accreditation, because accreditation models are designed for works that change over time. To become accredited, a site must clearly display four core quality standards: **a. Authorship**, including the author's name, affiliation, and credentials. **b. Attribution** of facts through the listing of references. **c. Disclosure** of site ownership and sponsorship. **d. Currency** of the site by listing dates of content posting and updating. 2) The site must be free to use, in part or in whole. 3) The site's information must be primarily in Hypertext Markup Language format (HTML) so that it can be read by users with the lowest common denominator World-Wide Web browser.

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Free access

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Medknow
Medknow Publications (India)
http://www.medknow.com/

Resources
Medknow Publications is a publisher for peer-reviewed, online/print+online journals in the area of STM. Medknow is the largest open access publisher publishing on behalf of learned societies and associations. Medknow pioneers in 'fee-less-free' model of open access publishing and provides immediate free access to the electronic editions of the journals
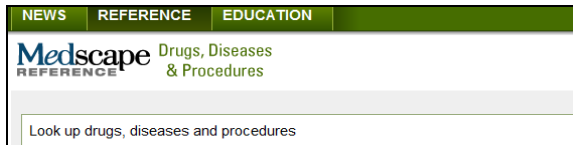
majority of which do not charge the author or author's institution for submission, processing or publication of the articles. Now the collection includes 185 peer-reviewed scholarly medical journals.

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Medscape
http://www.medscape.com/

Resources
Medscape is built around practice-oriented content. Each of 36 Specialty Sites pools, filters, and delivers pertinent, continually updated content from more than 125 medical journals and textbooks, and expert-authored state-of-the-art surveys in disease management, next-day summaries from major medical meetings, and more.

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Access is free, but requires a one-time membership registration.

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The National Academies Press (NAP) was created by the National Academies to publish the reports issued by the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Medicine, and the National Research Council, all operating under a charter granted by the Congress of the United States.
http://www.nap.edu/topic/288/health-and-medicine

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The NAP publishes more than 200 books a year on a wide range of topics in science, engineering, and health, capturing the most authoritative views on important issues in science and health policy. Health and Medicine research at the National Academies focuses on issues affecting the health of the public, including population-based public health measures and the public health infrastructure. It also ensures that there is adequate attention to the science base underlying health and health care, as national and international needs evolve and change. The public and private policies and institutional relations that shape health sciences research and

policy or facilitate application of new knowledge are of particular concern. There are now about 1340 books on health and medicine.

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PLoS Genetics is an open-access, peer-reviewed journal published weekly
PLoS Pathogens publishes important new ideas on bacteria, fungi, parasites, prions, and viruses that contribute to our understanding of the biology of pathogens and pathogen-host interactions.
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http://www.popline.org/

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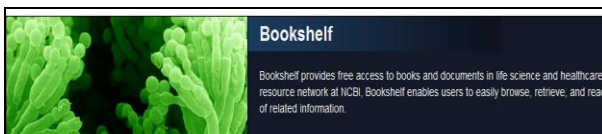
documents published after 2000 contain links to full-text. A variety of materials including journal articles and other scientific, technical, and programmatic publications as well as unpublished documents and project reports (gray literature).

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POPLINE provides links to the free full text of documents. For low- and middle-income country users who have little or no Internet access, POPLINE delivers the full text directly (by e-mail or regular mail).

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PubMed Bookshelf
U.S. National Medical Library (NML)
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books

Resources: A collection of more than 3270 biomedical books that can be searched directly or from linked data in other NCBI databases. The collection includes biomedical textbooks, reports , and other scientific titles, genetic resources such as *GeneReviews*, and NCBI help manuals.
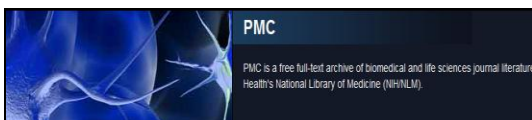
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PubMed Central
U.S. National Medical Library (NML)
http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/

Resources
An electronic archive of journal articles on life sciences established and supported by the National Biotechnology Information Center (NBIC) under the NML. Currently includes about 5000 journals with 3,3 million articles. When searching in the PubMed Medline search engine, you will get a link to full texts of those articles available in the archive. PubMed Central aims to fill the role of a world class library in the digital age. Participation by publishers in PubMed Central (PMC) is voluntary, although participating journals must meet certain editorial standards. Journals are encouraged to deposit all their content (and not just research papers or other selected material) in PMC so that the archive becomes a true digital counterpart to NLM's extensive collection of print journals. PMC also has the author manuscripts of articles published by NIH-funded researchers in various non-PMC journals

The value of PubMed Central, in addition to its role as an archive, lies in what can be done when data from diverse sources is stored in a common format in a single repository. With PubMed Central, one can quickly search the entire body of full-text articles and locate

relevant material regardless of its source. It also makes it possible to integrate the literature with a variety of other information resources such as sequence databases and other factual databases that are available to scientists, clinicians and everyone else interested in the life sciences.

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SciELO Public Health (Scientific Electronic Library Online)
 http://www.scielo.org/php/index.php?lang=en

Resources
This electronic online library covers articles published by 1230 scientific journals. It provides universal and integrated access to 392 scientific journals in the health science area within Ibero-american countries. **SciELO** interface provides access to its serials collection via an alphabetic list of titles or a subject index or a search by word of serial titles, publisher names, city of publication and subject. The interface also provides access to the full text of articles via author index or subject index or a search form on article elements such as author names, words from title, subject and words from the full text.
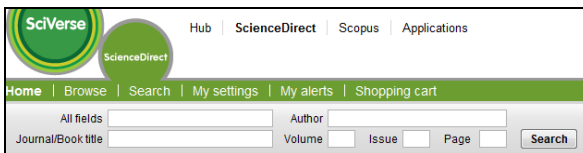
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Journals on medicine, sciences and technology, databases and reference publications. You can navigate to the list of open access journals from the ScienceDirect homepage by clicking the link for our "Open Access Journal Directory" or bookmarking http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/browse/all/open-access.
In addition to 177 open access journals in health scinces, you can find selected open-access articles from other established journals. Find a list of these journals on the ScienceDirect homepage by clicking "View all publications with Open Access articles." Once you are in the publication list, you can limit your results to open-access journals or journals that contain open-access articles by selecting the appropriate filter checkboxes.

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Unsubscribed users (guest users) are offered free access to 177 health sciences/medical journals (those are marked as "Full-text available") and to tables of contents and abstracts from the other journals. Selected issues of other journals are also available for free**.**

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EBM resources

The Cochrane Library
http://www.thecochranelibrary.com

Resources
The Cochrane Library is a collection of databases that contain high-quality, independent evidence to inform healthcare decision-making. Cochrane reviews represent the highest level of evidence on which to base clinical treatment decisions. In addition to Cochrane reviews, *The Cochrane Library* provides other sources of reliable information, from other systematic review abstracts, technology assessments, economic evaluations and individual clinical trials – all the current evidence in one single environment.

The Cochrane Library iPad Edition presents the latest up-to-date evidence from the Cochrane Library in a convenient, easy to navigate format. Monthly issues feature Cochrane Systematic Reviews selected by the Editor in Chief and specifically abridged to provide the best possible iPad reading experience. The reviews are enriched with the addition of multimedia content, including podcasts, videos and slide decks.

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All Cochrane Reviews and Protocols published since 1 February 2013 have green open access rights. These mean that the reviews and protocols become free to view for all readers globally 12 months after publication.
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The WHO Reproductive Health Library (RHL)
The WHO Reproductive Health Library (RHL) is a curated collection of high-quality evidence in reproductive health, published by the World Health Organization. RHL takes the

best available evidence on sexual and reproductive health from Cochrane systematic reviews and presents it as practical actions for clinicians (and policy-makers) to improve health outcomes, especially in developing countries.

http://apps.who.int/rhl/en/

Resources
Full text of selected Cochrane systematic reviews; independent expert commentaries on single or a collection of related Cochrane reviews - RHL commentaries; practical advice on implementation of findings of each Cochrane review - RHL practical aspects; a complete list of interventions evaluated in RHL, classified by the degree of their effectiveness - Effectiveness summaries; a set of training videos to help clinicians master details of manual and surgical procedures - RHL videos; a set of published journal articles and other materials to help understand and practice evidence-based sexual and reproductive health care - Evidence-based medicine resources.

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Access to full-text of systematic reviews is free of charge for low-income countries. Other resources (including abstracts of systematic reviews and evidence summaries) are free for all. Available for iPad, the RHL app allows you to access the entire library offline.
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Description
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Search options
Multiple search options

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Open Access Theses and Dissertations
OATD aims to be the best possible resource for finding open access graduate theses and dissertations published around the world.
http://oatd.org/

Open Access
Theses and Dissertations

Description

Metadata (information about the theses) comes from over 1000 colleges, universities, and research institutions. OATD currently indexes 2,462,848 theses and dissertations. The index is limited to records of graduate-level theses that are freely available online.

Search options

Search could be performed by keywords, title, author, publisher, and limited by language and publication date

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Open Science Directory

The Open Science Directory has been developed by EBSCO and the Hasselt University Library to create a global search tool for all open access and special programs journal titles
http://www.opensciencedirectory.net/

Description

About 13000 scientific journals are now available in the 'Open Science Directory'. When all the special program journals will be included, the Open Science Directory will contain more than 20000 titles
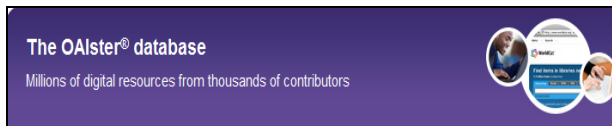
Search options

You can search by words in the title, author and publisher, or browse by subject

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A project of the University of Michigan Digital Library Production Service
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Description

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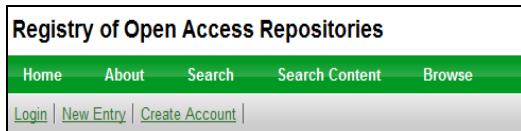
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Description
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