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Getting started with Cochrane

Cochrane contains more databases.
The databases contains articles on the effects of interventions applying to patients, relatives, and medical staff.

Access and contents

Access to Cochrane https://sdu-dk-en.libguides.com/databases or https://www.cochrane-library.com/

Cochrane contains:

- The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR) (Cochrane-database on systematic reviews, Cochrane reviews and protocols).
- The Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL) (The central Cochrane register on controlled randomized trials).
- The Cochrane Clinical Answers (CCAs) (easy to read and clinical focused, and a starting point on rigorous research from Cochrane Reviews. Every CCA contains a clinical question, a brief answer, and data on Outcome from Cochrane Reviews, which assumable is relevant for general practicing health personal).

Cochrane references can be retrieved from PubMed, but protocols and references from CENTRAL are not all included in PubMed.

Simple or free text searches

| Title Abstract Keyword ▼ | vitamin d | 🔍 |

Browse   Advanced search

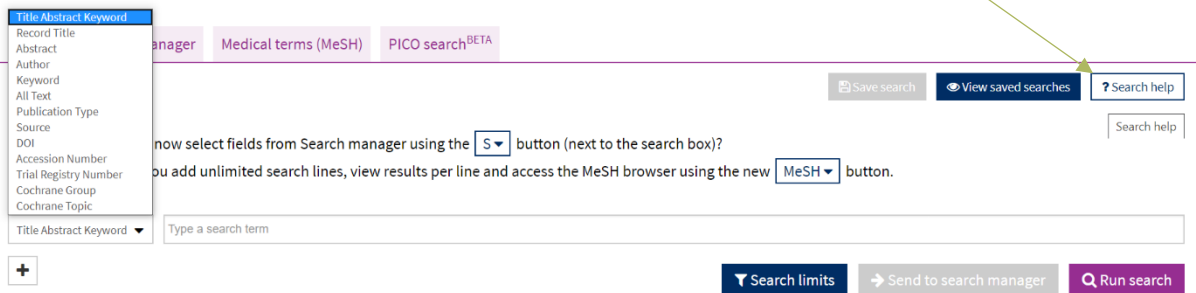Search the database by writing a search term in the field "Title abstract keyword".

Click the magnifying glass symbol. The search covers all databases automatically.

A simple search usually results in too many hits. An easy way to narrow your search, is to limit the title as Cochrane reviews are always built up as a "therapy" for a certain "disease" or "illness".

Advanced searches

There are several search tips in Advanced search ('Search help').
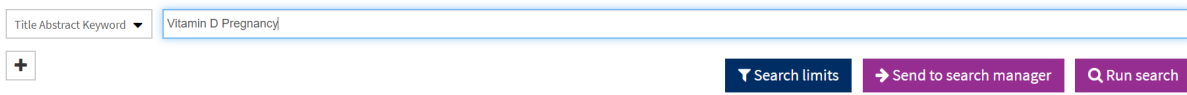
Advanced Search

Title Abstract Keyword
Record Title
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Trial Registry Number
Cochrane Group
Cochrane Topic

...anager   Medical terms (MeSH)   PICO search^BETA

Save search   View saved searches   ? Search help

Search help

...now select fields from Search manager using the S ▾ button (next to the search box)?
...ou add unlimited search lines, view results per line and access the MeSH browser using the new MeSH ▾ button.

Title Abstract Keyword ▾   Type a search term

➕   ▼ Search limits   → Send to search manager   Q Run search

The search can be limited by choosing a field in the drop-down menu.
Search by search term in the entire document 'All text' or limit the search to terms mentioned in specific parts of the document.

Multiple search terms in the same search field are combined with the operator AND by default, e.g., Vitamin D Pregnancy.

Title Abstract Keyword ▾   Vitamin D Pregnancy

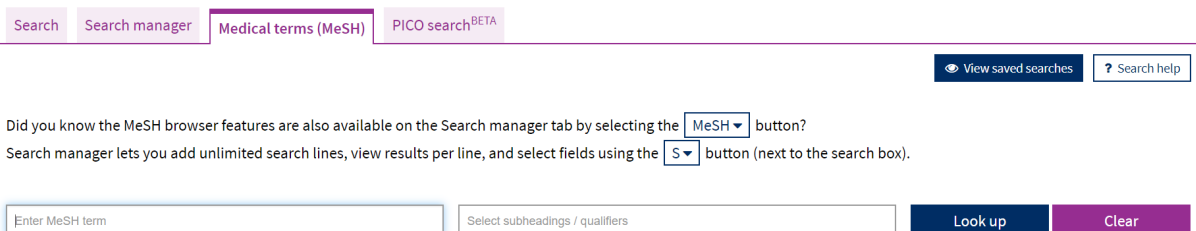➕   ▼ Search limits   → Send to search manager   Q Run search

The search engine will automatically explode your search with regards to variations in spelling, singular/plural etc. This feature can be deactivated in 'Search limits".

If you wish to search for variations of the same phrase, use **truncation** by writing * after the phrase. For instance, 'Hypertensi*' will search for 'Hypertensive' and 'Hypertension'.

MESH terms

Some, but not all articles are indexed with a MeSH-term (Medical Subject Headings). Protocols, as an example, are not.

Advanced Search

Search   Search manager   Medical terms (MeSH)   PICO search^BETA

View saved searches   ? Search help

Did you know the MeSH browser features are also available on the Search manager tab by selecting the MeSH ▾ button?
Search manager lets you add unlimited search lines, view results per line, and select fields using the S ▾ button (next to the search box).

Enter MeSH term   Select subheadings / qualifiers   Look up   Clear

Limits

You can limit your search to a specific type and database, by the tabs above the search. In the left menu "Filter Your Results", you can limit the search to date, language, type, and topics.
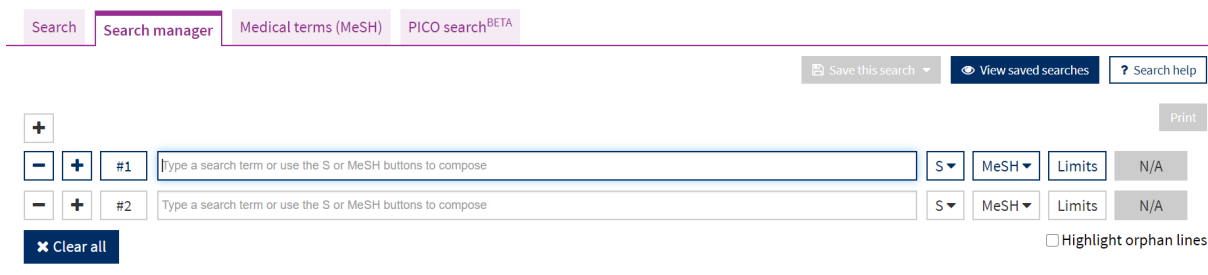

Search manager and saved search results

You can create more complex searches in the "search manager" as well as exporting your searches to "search manager". There is no feature to automatically save your searches. "Search manager" only contains the searches that you actively choose to save.

By creating an account in Cochrane, you can save your searches permanently in "Search manager".

Exporting references

Export your references to e.g., EndNote. Choose "Export selected citation(s)". Save the file by choosing "Reference Manager (RIS)" as an "Import Option". Click "download". Be aware that you must accept cookies, for this feature to work.

Know more on Cochrane?

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