

Quick searching for busy people

Google-like searching, while not comprehensive, may provide a useful overview of the literature:

- Enter your keywords, no AND required eg, *preoperative anxiety children*
- It is important to repeat searches to include:
different keywords/synonyms eg, *preoperative anxiety paediatrics*; different spellings eg, *preoperative anxiety pediatrics*; singular as well as plural eg, *preoperative anxiety pediatric*
- Check your search results for relevant keywords and include them in subsequent searches.

Key databases available on the ADHB Library Links website:

Point of care databases

- Search either **UpToDate** or **Dynamed** for quick answers to common clinical questions.
- Search for a condition, treatment, symptom or disease. Topics are written by experts and physicians.

Google Scholar

- Articles are listed by **relevance**. Limit to recent years at the left of the search results.
- Click on **Cited by** below a relevant article to see other articles which have cited it.
- Click on **Related articles** to see additional relevant articles.

Medline (OvidSP)

- Click on **Basic Search** to do Google-like searching. Articles are listed by **relevance**.
- **Quick limits** are below the search box eg, Language, year, and under **Additional Limits** eg, age, publication type (Clinical Trial, Review, RCT, Meta-Analysis etc).

OR, free Medline (PubMed)

- When you enter a Google-like search, PubMed automatically includes alternative keywords and subject headings. Articles are listed by most **recent** first.
- Check the **Search details** box to see how PubMed has interpreted your search.
- Limits are in the filters sidebar to the left of the search results eg, language, age, year, article type (Clinical Trial, Review, RCT, Meta-Analysis etc)

To find more, search additional databases eg, CINAHL for nursing, PsycINFO, Cochrane Library. Contact a Librarian for help with comprehensive searches.