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Guide to Electronic Databases

Below is a selected list of databases available from our homepage at http://www.lib.uct.ac.za/lib/libraries/hsl. To access our full alphabetical list of databases, click on 'Databases'.

ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER

This database provides multidisciplinary journal coverage with some full-text.

ACCESS MEDICINE AND ACCESS PHYSIOTHERAPY

These databases provide access to online health sciences books, diagnostic tools, drug information and self-evaluation tools.

AFRICA-WIDE INFORMATION

Africa-Wide Information provides extensive coverage of all facets of Africa and African studies.

BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS (BIOSIS)

Life sciences journal database, including microbiology and pharmacology.

CINAHL

CINAHL is the authoritative resource for nursing and allied health professionals, students, educators and researchers.

BMJ BEST PRACTICE

BMJ Best Practice summarizes the current state of knowledge of clinical conditions, based on thorough searches and appraisal of the literature, drawing on systematic reviews, randomized controlled trials (RCTs), amongst others.

CLINICALKEY

ClinicalKey is a clinical search engine and point-of-care tool, giving users access to comprehensive, evidence-based literature in overall clinical summaries, as well as journals, books, multimedia, practice guidelines, patient education information and drug information, amongst others.

COCHRANE LIBRARY

The *Cochrane Library* is a collection of databases that contain high-quality, independent evidence on which to base clinical treatment decisions. In addition to Cochrane systematic reviews, *The Cochrane Library* provides other sources of reliable information of trials: other systematic review abstracts, technology assessments, economic evaluations and individual clinical trials.

ERIC

The Education Resource Information Center contains links to journal articles and reports in education, including links to more than 317,000 full-text documents dating back to 1966.

HEALTH SOURCE: NURSING/ACADEMIC EDITION

This database provides nearly 550 scholarly full text journals focusing on nursing and the allied health professions. It also includes 1,300 generic drug patient education sheets.

MEDLINE

The world's most comprehensive source of life sciences and biomedical bibliographic information. *MEDLINE* can be accessed via:

1. *PubMed*: this is the free web portal to Medline
2. *Ebsco*: can be searched in conjunction with other Ebsco databases

PsycARTICLES

Full-text journal database covering approximately 50 psychology journals.

PsycINFO

The database of the American Psychological Association provides access to journal articles, books and dissertations, amongst others, from 1887 to the present.

PSYCHIATRYONLINE

PsychiatryOnline is a full-text psychiatry database, which provides access to the DSM-V, as well as journal articles and textbooks.

SCIENCEDIRECT

This scientific full-text database provides access to journal articles and book chapters published in the 24 fields of science, technology and medicine.

SCOPUS

Scopus is both a citation and an abstracting database indexing both peer-reviewed literature and quality web sources. It includes the contents of Medline and **Embase.**
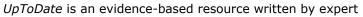
SocINDEX

SocINDEX is a comprehensive sociology research database which indexes journal articles, conference papers and books dating back to approx 1908.

UPTODATE

UpToDate is an evidence-based resource written by expert authors in the area discussed, and at least two separate physician reviewers. The group performs comprehensive reviews of the literature and carefully selects studies based upon the quality of the studies, hierarchy of evidence and clinical evidence. This database is available from off-campus and via the mobile app—to set up off-campus access, please register with UpToDate from on-campus and set up a login and password.

WEB OF SCIENCE

Web of Science is a journal indexing database, as well as a cited reference index, which is used for retrieving accurate citation counts. One of the databases on the Web of Science platform is the **SciELO** citation database which provides access to literature published in open access journals from Latin America, Portugal, Spain and South Africa.