

Librarians' Tips for Health Professionals

Finding Australian Content in Healthcare

A Select List of Australian Internet Sites

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Finding Australian content to support Australian healthcare workers and researchers can be difficult. Whilst key databases such as PubMed, Cochrane Library etc can be searched, and results restricted in various ways to identify Australian studies, there remains a large literature which can only be found using more focused databases and sources. For example, the Australasian Medical Index (Refer AustHEALTH below) indexes a large number of publications not indexed in PubMed. This handout has been developed to provide useful websites which can be searched for such information.

The following sites have been nominated by librarians as potentially useful, either because they (1) are produced by key Australian organisations with an explicit interest in evidence based practice, (2) provide significant access to Australian literature relevant to health or (3) play a role in the retrieval and appraisal of health related evidence in Australia. Professional bodies have been excluded to make the list manageable, and it is not exhaustive.

Most sites provide at least some free access, unless noted alongside the website's name. Access to these may be available through individuals' libraries.

Organisations

ACCMER (Australian Centre for Complementary Medicine Education & Research)

<http://www.accmer.edu.au/>

ACEBAC (Australian Centre for Evidence Based Aged Care)

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/acebac/>

ACEBCP (Australian Centre for Evidence Based Clinical Practice)

<http://www.acebcp.org.au/>

Australasian Cochrane Centre

<http://www.cochrane.org.au/>

CAHE (Centre for Allied Health Evidence)

<http://www.unisa.edu.au/cahe/>

CCE (Centre for Clinical Effectiveness)

<http://www.mihsr.monash.org/cce/>

CEBP (Centre for Evidence Based Physiotherapy)

http://www.pedro.fhs.usyd.edu.au/CEBP/index_cebp.html

Department of Health and Aging (Australian Government)

<http://www.health.gov.au/>

Evidence Based Decision Making

<http://www.evidencebased.net/>

JBI (Joanna Briggs Institute) [Nursing and Allied Health]

<http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au/about/home.php>

National Institute of Clinical Studies

<http://www.nicsl.com.au/>

National Prescribing Service

<http://www.nps.org.au/>

National Prescribing Service RADAR (Rational Assessment of Drugs and Research)

<http://www.npsradar.org.au/site.php?page=1&content=/npsradar/content/index.html>

PBAC (Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee)

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/content/health-pbs-general-listing-committee.htm>

Therapeutic Goods Administration

<http://www.tga.gov.au/>

Western Australian Centre for Evidence Based Nursing and Midwifery

<http://wacebnm.curtin.edu.au/index.html>

Databases/Registries/Full Text Resources

ADIN (Australian Drug Information Network)

http://www.adin.com.au/content.asp?Document_ID=1

ADRAC (Adverse Drug Reactions Advisory Committee, a Sub Committee of the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee)

<http://www.tga.gov.au/adr/adrac.htm>

AIHW (Australian Institute of Health & Welfare)

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/>

ARCHI (Australian Resource Centre for Healthcare Innovations)

<http://www.archi.net.au/>

AustHEALTH [Various Australian health databases packaged into a set by *Informit*, often available through libraries] (*Requires Paid Subscription*)

http://www.informit.com.au/products_details_indexesComp.asp?CompilationID=AUSTHEALTH_OL&type=OL&ContainerID=info_product_indexes_bytitles

Australasian Medical Index

Meditext (enhanced version of AMI containing full text articles)

Australian Public Affairs Information Service – Health

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Bibliography

AusportMed

Health Issues in Criminal Justice

Drug Database (*free independent access to content – refer separate reference*)

Health & Society Database

HIV/AIDS Database

Rural and Remote Health Database

Australian Clinical Trials Registry

<http://www.actr.org.au/>

Australian Domestic & Family Violence Clearinghouse

<http://www.austdvclearinghouse.unsw.edu.au/about%20us.htm>

Australian Medicines Handbook (*\$\$\$ Requires Paid Subscription \$\$\$*)

<https://www.amh.net.au/index.php>

CareSearch [Palliative care]

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/home/Default.aspx>

CEBPGAN (Centre for Evidence Based Practice in Paediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition)

<http://www.cebpgan.org/>

DRUG Database [Alcohol & drugs]

<http://www.adca.org.au/resource/database.htm>

eMJA Clinical Guidelines [Australian]

<http://www.mja.com.au/public/guides/guides.html>

Health for Kids. Guidelines [Monash University]

<http://www.mihsr.monash.org/hfk/>

HealthInsite [Consumer health]

<http://www.healthinsite.gov.au/>

Healthinfontet [Indigenous health]

<http://www.healthinfontet.ecu.edu.au/>

Healthwiz [Health services statistical data]

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/Healthwiz-1>

HEAPS (Health Education and Promotion Scheme)

<http://www.prometheus.com.au/heels/heels.html>

Informit [Hosts access to large range of Australian databases] (*\$\$\$ Requires paid subscription \$\$\$*)

<http://www.informit.com.au/>

Libraries Australia [Most Australian libraries' collections]

<http://librariesaustralia.nla.gov.au/apps/kss>

Media Doctor

<http://www.mediadoctor.org.au/>

NHMRC Clinical Practice Guidelines [Australian]

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/subjects/clinical.htm>

OT Cats [Occupational Therapy]

<http://www.otcats.com/>

OTSeeker [Occupational Therapy]

<http://otseeker.com/>

PEDro (Physiotherapy Evidence Database)

<http://www.pedro.fhs.usyd.edu.au/index.html>

ROAR (Roadmap of Australian Research) [Primary Healthcare]

<http://www.phcris.org.au/products/roar.php>

Therapeutic Guidelines (\$\$\$ Requires Paid Subscription \$\$\$)

<http://www.tg.com.au/>

Health Technology Assessments

AHTA (Adelaide Health Technology Assessment)

http://www.health.adelaide.edu.au/publichealth/consult/health_techn_assess.html

ASERNIP-S (Australian Safety and Efficacy Register of New Interventional Procedures – Surgical)

<http://www.surgeons.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Research/ASERNIPS/default.htm>

ANZHSN (Australian and New Zealand Horizon Scanning Network)

<http://www.horizonscanning.gov.au/>

MSAC (Medical Services Advisory Committee)

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/msac/publishing.nsf/content/home-1>