

Cochrane Library



What is it?

The Cochrane Library publishes analysis and reviews of research studies looking at the same problems, in order to combine the research to develop a consensus view. Reviewers perform a detailed systematic search of the literature to identify good quality studies to investigate and draw valid conclusions from. Their conclusions are published as a systematic review of the particular medical problem.

Systematic Reviews will give you an overview of the literature and current research on a topic.

How to Access...

Who is it for?

The Cochrane Library is freely available on the Internet within the UK, accessible to everyone.

<https://www.cochranelibrary.com/>

Log in

No login is required.

Key Features

Databases

The Cochrane Library includes the following databases:

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews – full-text of reviews and protocols prepared by the Cochrane review Groups.

Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials – reports and bibliographic data of randomized and quasi-randomized controlled trials.

Cochrane Clinical Answers – easy-to-read short answers to clinical problems, to support clinical decision-making, based on systematic reviews.

Browse

You can browse through the available systematic reviews either by healthcare topic or by content produced by each Cochrane Review Group.

Search

You can use the simple search box to enter your search terms. Your results will be presented with a tab for each different type of content. You can use filter options to focus your search.

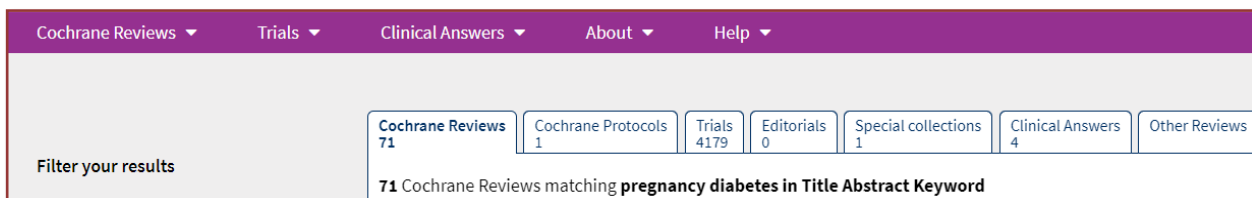


Figure 1 Presentation of example Search Results

Advanced Search

You can use the Advanced Search options to create a search strategy within the Search Manager. This allows you to develop individual search rows, use the thesaurus and combine searches.

Evidently Cochrane – the Cochrane Library Blog

Evidently Cochrane is a blog published by the Cochrane Library. Here you can find discussions about the latest systematic reviews on a range of healthcare topics. Topics are divided into categories, which also include **Evidence for Everyday Midwifery** and **Evidence for Everyday Nursing**. The blog is freely available online.

<https://www.evidentlycochrane.net/>

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