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## 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.

## Good for...

- Systematic reviews will give you an overview of the literature for a clinical problem
- You can view the bibliography of the latest research on a topic
- Reviews detail their focused search strategy
- Special collections gather reviews on a condition together
- Cochrane Clinical Answers provide a short quick answer to a particular question

## 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.

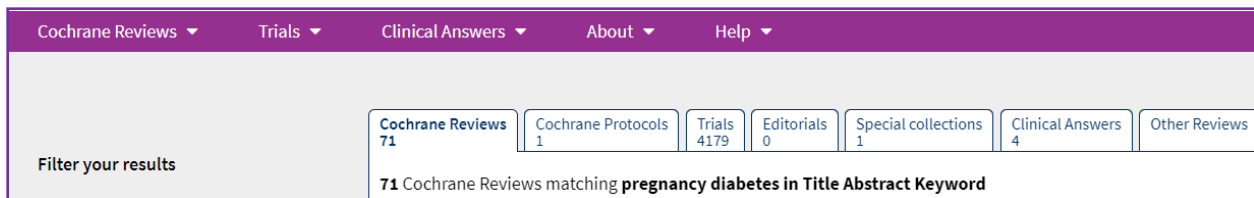


Figure 1 Presentation of example Search Results

### 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.

## More Help

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