

Librarians' Tips for Health Professionals

Finding Australian Content in Healthcare

A Select List of Australian Internet Sites

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Background

Finding Australian content to support Australian healthcare workers and researchers can be difficult. While 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, mostly by health librarians, as potentially useful for one of the following reasons:

- *They are an Australian organisation/service with a primary and explicit interest in evidence based practice, OR*
- *They are a database which indexes Australian health literature.*

This list is not exhaustive. Professional bodies, associated bodies and library sites, many of which provide excellent links to evidence based resources, have generally been excluded to make the list manageable. Most, but not all, sites are free to access. If access usually incurs charges, the annotation of \$\$\$ is used. Inquiries about such resources should be directed to your local institutional library, which may provide you with access through a paid subscription.

The sites in this list have not been evaluated for their quality or accuracy in any way. This remains your responsibility. This edition replaces the version first produced in July 2006.

Organisations

ACCMER (Australian Centre for Complementary Medicine, Education & Research)
<http://www.uq.edu.au/accmer/>

ACRREBP (Australian Centre for Rural and Remote Evidence Based Practice) [JBI Collaborating Centre]
http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au/collab_ctrs/acrrebp.php

ACEBAC (Australian Centre for Evidence-Based Aged Care)
<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/acebac/>

ACEBAND (Australian Centre for Evidence Based Nutrition & Dietetics) [JBI Collaborating Centre]
http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au/collab_ctrs/aceband.php

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

CEBPGAN (Centre for Evidence Based Practice in Paediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition)
<http://www.cebpgan.org/>

Department of Health and Aging [Australian Government]
<http://www.health.gov.au/>

JBI (Joanna Briggs Institute) [Evidence based healthcare] (\$\$\$)
<http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au/about/home.php>

National Institute of Clinical Studies
<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/nics/asp/index.asp?>

National Prescribing Services [Medicines]
<http://www.nps.org.au/>

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

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

PBAC (Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee) [Medicines]

http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-pbs-general-outcomes_full.htm

Therapeutic Goods Administration [Medicines, Medical Devices etc]

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

Western Australian Centre for Evidence Based Nursing and Midwifery [JBI Collaborating Centre]

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

World Health Organisation [country page for Australia]

<http://www.who.int/infobase/report.aspx?rid=111&iso=AUS>

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) [Medicines]

<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 [Australian health databases packaged into a set by *Informit*, often available through libraries. See also Informit] (\$\$\$)

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

- Australasian Medical Index
- Meditext
- Australian Public Affairs Information Service – Health
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Bibliography
- AusportMed
- Health Issues in Criminal Justice
- Drug Database
- Health & Society Database
- HIV/AIDS database
- Rural & Remote Health Database

Australian Clinical Trials Registry
<http://www.anzctr.org.au/Default.aspx>

Australian Domestic & Family Violence Clearinghouse
<http://www.austdvclearinghouse.unsw.edu.au/>

Australian Medicines Handbook [Medicines] (\$\$\$)
<https://www.amh.net.au/index.php>

CareSearch [Palliative Care]
<http://www.caresearch.com.au/home/Default.aspx>

Diversity Health Institute Clearinghouse [Multicultural health]
<http://www.dhi.gov.au/clearinghouse/>

DRUG Database [Alcohol and Drugs]
<http://www.adca.org.au/drug>

eMJA Clinical Guidelines [Australian guidelines]
<http://www.mja.com.au/public/guides/guides.html>

Evidence Australia [web search engine restricting retrieval to Australian sites]
<http://www.evidenceaustralia.net>

Health for Kids Guidelines [Australian guidelines]
<http://www.mihsr.monash.org/hfk/>

HealthInsite [Gateway site: consumer health and professional]
<http://www.healthinsite.gov.au/>

Healthinfontet [Indigenous Health]
<http://www.healthinfontet.ecu.edu.au/>

Healthwiz [Health services statistical data]
<http://www.prometheus.com.au/products/healthwiz.htm>

Informit [See AustHealth. Also publish other Australian databases with potential relevance to health, eg, Australian Family and Society Abstracts Database] (\$\$\$)
<http://www.informit.com.au/allproducts.html>

Libraries Australia [National catalogue of holdings in most Australian library collections]
<http://librariesaustralia.nla.gov.au/apps/kss>

Media Doctor [Examines recent media stories]
<http://www.mediadoctor.org.au/>

NHMRC Clinical Practice Guidelines [Australian guidelines]

<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]

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

PsycBITE [Psychological Database for brain Impairment Treatment Efficacy]

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

ROAR (Roadmap of Australian Research) [Primary Care]

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

Therapeutic Guidelines [Medicines] (\$\$\$)

<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>