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Introduction

Background
The Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) provides Canada’s federal, provincial, and territorial health care decision makers with credible, impartial advice and evidence-based information about the effectiveness and efficiency of drugs and other health technologies. To achieve its mandate, CADTH produces a variety of publications that range from comprehensive systematic reviews and economic evaluations to more concise bulletins and updates.

In order to search for and retrieve the evidence base required to produce CADTH reports, the Information Services team has developed a grey literature checklist. Grey literature includes reports and government information that are not published commercially and that are inaccessible via bibliographic databases. The checklist is used to:

- ensure the retrieval of all relevant health technology assessment (HTA), government, and evidence-based agency reports that may not be indexed in bibliographic databases such as MEDLINE
- help document the grey literature search process, thereby increasing transparency and the potential for reproducibility
- ensure that grey literature searching is done in a standardized and comprehensive way.

Description
This checklist includes national and international HTA web sites, drug and device regulatory agencies, clinical trial registries, health economics resources, Canadian health prevalence or incidence databases, and drug formulary web sites.

Organized by topic, the checklist includes tips on navigating the web sites. Although the web sites are usually assigned to only one category, in many cases an individual web site may have relevancy in additional categories. The checklist does not supply background information on the agencies. If available, however, the name of the web site is a hyperlink to a brief description of the agency.

This checklist is meant to be used to document all aspects of the search process. This includes the documentation of all keywords used in the search and information about the availability of each web site as well as the use of a drop-down box beside each web site to indicate the success or relevancy of the retrieval.

Scope
The CADTH grey literature checklist is not exhaustive, but it does strive to be comprehensive regarding Canadian and international HTA agencies. To compensate for the focused characteristics of the checklist, supplemental keyword searches on two search engines are part of the process.

Commercial bibliographic databases, such as MEDLINE, EMBASE, and The Cochrane Library, are also searched for CADTH reports. Because this checklist focuses on grey literature, most of
these bibliographic databases are not listed here (although we have included a few free databases that contain commercially published literature; for example, PubMed).

This publication is provided only online because it is a tool for evidence-based searching on the Internet. The checklist is updated regularly to reflect changes in web site addresses. Nevertheless, CADTH cannot be held responsible for occasional inaccuracies due to web site changes or due to the changing nature of the Internet.

**Audience**
This checklist is intended for the use of information specialists or researchers who are producing systematic reviews, HTAs, or economic evaluations.

**Summary**
CADTH Information Specialists play an integral part in the production of evidence-based publications and products at CADTH. With the growing importance of grey literature in evidence-based medicine and in an effort to ensure systematic and comprehensiveness in grey literature searching, we decided to develop this search tool. Calibrated over the years, it is now a useful tool for anyone engaged in searching for HTAs or drug assessments.
Grey Literature Checklist

Use the drop-down boxes that appear beside each web site in the checklist to indicate one of the following:

- searched; nothing found
- not searched; not relevant
- searched; results found
- results may be of peripheral interest.

Include the search terms that were used in your search:

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Agencies

Canada

PLEASE SELECT

The Alberta College of Family Physicians. Tools for Practice (ACFP)
http://www.acfp.ca/WhatWeDo/ToolsforPractice.aspx
In keyword box must click "SEARCH" button NOT the "ENTER" key for keyword search to work properly.
[Languages: English, French]

PLEASE SELECT

Alberta Health and Wellness. Alberta Health Technologies Decision Process: completed reviews
http://www.health.alberta.ca/initiatives/AHTDP-completed-reviews.html
Browse list of completed reports or use the keyword search box in top right corner.
[Languages: English, French]
PLEASE SELECT Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health. Advanced search (CADTH) http://www.cadth.ca/index.php/en/search/advanced
Can limit by product type by selecting the "Products" menu bar in the top right hand corner and selecting the desired product type.
[Languages: English, French]

PLEASE SELECT Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health. Projects in progress (CADTH) http://www.cadth.ca/en/products/projects-in-progress
[Languages: English, French]

PLEASE SELECT Health Quality Council of Alberta. (HQCA) http://www.hqca.ca/index.php?id=115
Browse by year using the dates in the left margin or click the "archives" button for older reports.
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT Health Quality Council, Saskatchewan. (HQC) http://www.hqc.sk.ca/
Browse HQC Reports on 'Quality/Performance' menu in the 'Measuring and Reporting on Quality' tab.
[Language: English]

Search all publications by entering keyword in the top right-hand search box or browse each of the different report types linked to in the left-hand menu (i.e. "OHTAS reports and OHTAC recommendations," "Rapid Reviews," etc.) separately
[Language: English]
PLEASE SELECT

**The Institut national d’excellence en santé et en services sociaux** (INESSS), INESSS le savoir prend forme [formerly AETMIS]
http://www.INESSS.qc.ca/index.php?id=49&L=1
*To browse projects in progress click on link in left-hand menu*
[Language: French, English]

PLEASE SELECT

**Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences** (ICES). ICES: Canada's leading health services research institute
http://www.ices.on.ca/webpage.cfm?site_id=1&org_id=31
*Use search box on top right hand corner of the screen or browse the following sections: -Atlases -Reports -Works in progress (top center menu)*
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**Institute of Health Economics** (IHE). Publications Library
http://www.ihe.ca/publications/library/
*Browse by year of publication or use site search engine. Includes reports from Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR)
*Health Technology Assessment Unit.*
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**Manitoba Centre for Health Policy** (MCHP). Deliverables
http://mchp-appserv.cpe.umanitoba.ca/deliverablesList.html
*For publications in progress, see also the "Upcoming MCHP reports" link in the left menu*
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**McGill University Health Centre** (MUHC). Technology Assessment Unit
http://www.mcgill.ca/tau/publications/
*Search by date or subject*
[Languages: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**NLCAHR : Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Applied Health Research**, (CHRSP)
http://www.nlcahr.mun.ca/research/chrsp/
[Languages: English]
PLEASE SELECT

**Ottawa Hospital Research Institute** (OHRI). Knowledge Synthesis Group
http://www.ohri.ca/ksgroup/publications.asp
*Formally known as Chalmers Research Group*
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**Program for Assessment of Technology in Health (Canada)** (PATH). Reports
http://www.path-hta.ca/Publications-Presentations/Publications/Reports.aspx
*To browse, search by year in the right-hand side of the screen. May also use the Google Advanced Search option to search keywords by limiting to the following domain "http://www.path-hta.ca/publications-presentations/publications/reports." Some overlap with OHTAC and CADTH reports (also on checklist).*
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**University of British Columbia**. Therapeutics Initiative: Evidenced-Based Drug Therapy
http://www.ti.ubc.ca/DrugAssessments
*Use search box in top right-hand corner for keyword searching. If browsing is preferred, scroll down and also click on “Therapeutic letters” in the top menu for more evidence-based drug information*
[Language: English]

**International**

PLEASE SELECT

**EuroScan Secretariat**. International Information Network on New and Emerging Health Technologies (EUROSCAN)
http://www.euroscan.org.uk/
*It is possible to search this site with or without a membership using the search box on the left-hand menu. Use the advanced search option to refine search results.*
[Language: English]
PLEASE SELECT

**INAHTA Secretariat**, International Network of Agencies for Health Technology Assessment (INAHTA)
*Click on the magnifying glass beside the top-middle search box and checkmark the "Search publications" box, in order to limit to publications, language, date and condition. This site includes summaries of INAHTA member reports and links to the original publications.*
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe**, Health Evidence Network (WHO HEN)
*In site search box, phrases may be searched using quotes " ".*  
[Languages: English, French, German, Russian]

**Australia**

PLEASE SELECT

**Australian Government, Department of Health and Ageing**, Australia and New Zealand horizon scanning network (ANZHSN)
*Search box can be used to search horizon scanning sites only or all Australian Government websites. If browsing is preferable, scroll down page and click on each report type (i.e. Horizon scanning, Prioritising summaries, and Emerging Technology Bulletins). Completed and in-progress Medical Service Advisory Committee applications are separate sites to search in this checklist, but do not need to be searched again if the "Search all Australian Government websites" keyword option was used.*
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, Medical Services Advisory Committee**, Completed Assessments and Reviews (MSAC)
*Search box can be used to search MSAC sites only or all Australian Government websites. If browsing is preferable scroll down page and click on each MSAC Assessment application link as well as the MSAC References links. Horizon scanning (ANZHSN) and in-progress applications are separate sites to search in this checklist, but do not need
to be searched again if the "Search all Australian Government websites" keyword option was used.

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC). Current applications at appraisal stage
Scroll down page to see MSAC assessments in progress. Horizon scanning and completed applications are separate sites to search in this checklist.

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

National Prescribing Service. NPS RADAR (RADAR)
For drug searches only. Scroll down and choose "view by active ingredient" or "view by topic" for index of published articles

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Royal Australian College of Surgeons. Australian Safety and Efficacy Register of New Intervenional Procedures - Surgical (ASERNIP - S)
Contains reports on surgical technologies

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Southern Health. Centre for Clinical Effectiveness. Current Evidence Reviews (CCE)
If older reports are desired, click the link to "Archived evidence reviews" found at the top of the page or in the left sidebar. Evidence-based clinical practice guidelines are also searched separately in the "Guidelines" section of this checklist.

[Language: English]
Austria
PLEASE SELECT
Institute of Technology Assessment. (ITA)
http://www.oeaw.ac.at/ita/welcome.htm
[Languages: German, English]

PLEASE SELECT
Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Health Technology Assessment. Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Health Technology Assessment (LBI)
http://eprints.hta.lbg.ac.at/
Most articles in German with English summaries. Can also browse by subject using the left-hand menu
[Languages: German, English]

Belgium
PLEASE SELECT
Kenniscentrum voor de Gezondheidszorg / Le Centre d'expertise des soins de santé. Belgian Health Care Knowledge Centre (KCE)
This site contains many English reports (as well as Dutch and French). To browse by topic click "Browse reports by domains" in left-hand menu.
[Languages: English, French, Dutch]

Denmark
PLEASE SELECT
Sundhedsstyrelsen. Danish Centre for Evaluation and Health Technology Assessment (DACEHTA). Publications in alphabetical order
http://www.sst.dk/English/DACEHTA.aspx
Reports in Danish, but include English summaries
[Languages: Danish, English]

Finland
PLEASE SELECT
Finnish Office for Health Technology Assessment (FinOHTA).
http://finohta.stakes.fi/EN/Custom/TarkennettuHaku.htm?cFunc=Advance dSearch
Most reports are in Finnish with English summaries
[Languages: Finnish, English]
France

PLEASE SELECT

**Comité d'Evaluation de Diffusion des Innovations Technologiques**, Committee for Evaluation and Diffusion of Innovative Technologies (CEDIT)


*Most reports in French only but recommendations are translated into English*

[Languages: French, English]

PLEASE SELECT

**Haute Autorité de santé/ French National Authority for Health**, Haute Autorité de santé (HAS)

http://www.has-sante.fr/portail/jcms/sd_668980/toutes-nos-publications-ligne-principale?portal=si_1218525

*This site is also searched in the "Clinical practice guidelines" section of this checklist. Formerly, Agence Nationale d'Accréditation et d'Évaluation en Santé. Many reports are translated to English.*

[Languages: French, English]

Germany

PLEASE SELECT

**Deutsches Institut für Medizinische Dokumentation und Information** (DIMDI), German Institute of Medical Documentation and Information


*See "Current topics" in left-hand menu for in-process reports. Reports in German with English abstracts and summaries*

[Languages: German, English]

Ireland

PLEASE SELECT

**Health Information and Quality Authority**, Health Technology Assessments

http://www.hiqa.ie/healthcare/health-technology-assessment/assessments

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**Health Services Executive**, Irish Health Repository (Lenus)

http://www.lenus.ie/hse/

[Language: English]
**The Netherlands**

**PLEASE SELECT**

College voor zorgverzekeringen (CVZ). Health Care Insurance Board  
http://www.cvz.nl/en/publications/assessments  
[Language: Dutch]

**PLEASE SELECT**

De Gezondheidsraad (GR). Health Council of the Netherlands  
http://www.gezondheidsraad.nl/en  
Scroll to bottom of page to browse publications by areas of activity or use search box in upper-right corner to search the entire site. Most articles in Dutch with English summaries.  
[Languages: Dutch, English]

**Norway**

**PLEASE SELECT**

Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services / Nasjonalt kunnskapscenter for helsetjenesten  
http://www.kunnskapscenteret.no/Forsiden  
[Languages: Norwegian, English]

**Spain**

**PLEASE SELECT**

Agència d'Avaluació de Tecnologia i Recerca Mèdiques de Catalunya.  
Catalan Agency for Health Technology Assessment (CAHTA)  
Reports in Catalan and Spanish but some have English summaries  
[Languages: Catalan, Spanish, English]
PLEASE SELECT

**Departamento de Sanidad**, Basque Office for Health Technology Assessment (OSTEBA)
http://www.osasun.ejgv.euskadi.net/r52-2536/es/
*Does not contain English reports or summaries*
[Languages: Basque, Spanish]

**Sweden**

PLEASE SELECT

**Swedish Council on Technology Assessment in Health Care** (SBU)
http://www.sbu.se/en/
*Use search box in top-right corner or browse the "Reports" and "Ongoing Projects" tabs in the center of the page. Contains some English reports and others in which only the summaries have been translated.*
[Languages: Swedish, English]

**Switzerland**

PLEASE SELECT

**Swiss Federal Office of Public Health**, Swiss Network for Health Technology Assessment (SNHTA)
http://www.snhta.ch/resources/overview.html
*May need membership to search*
[Language: English]

**UK**

PLEASE SELECT

**Healthcare Improvement Scotland**
http://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org
*Browse page by subject in right-hand "All clinical topics" box, or use search box under "Published resources." Some overlap with NICE reports (also on checklist).*
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**National Health Service for Wales**, ATTRACT
http://www.attract.wales.nhs.uk/
[Language: English]
To browse select "Find guidance" tab, then choose "Conditions and diseases." Use keywords and top-right search box for most recent reports and to search for specific terms. No need to search "NHS Evidence" (lower right-hand tab) again as this site is found separately in the database section of the checklist.
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE). Published evidence summaries: new medicines http://www.nice.org.uk/mpc/evidencesummariesnewmedicines/PublishedESNM.jsp
New product line for NICE
[Language: English]

Browse by selecting the specialty of interest or use the search box for keyword searching
[Languages: English]

PLEASE SELECT NETSCC, HTA [formerly NCCHTA]. NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme http://www.hta.ac.uk/research/index.shtml
Use general search box for keyword searching, both phrase and boolean searches are supported. Unpublished reports can be searched separately via the "Research in progress" tab but are also included in general search engine results.
[Language: English]
PLEASE SELECT

**NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency.** Centre for Evidence-based Purchasing (CEP)
http://nhscep.useconnect.co.uk/CEPProducts/Catalogue.aspx
As of March 31, 2010, the Center has been decommissioned but older reports still found at the Department of Health (UK) website.
[Languages: English]

**US**

PLEASE SELECT

**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).**
- Technology Assessments
  http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/techx.htm
- Evidence-based Practice Centers’ evidence reports and technology assessments
  http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epcquick.htm
- EPC Topics in Process
  http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epcprogress.htm
- Effective Health Care Reports
  http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/
  *Browse using "Search by health condition" topics or use the top right-hand search box for keyword searching*
[Languages: English, Spanish]

PLEASE SELECT

**Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.** Technology Evaluation Center (TEC)
http://www.bcbs.com/blueresources/tec/tec-assessments.html
Best for devices and procedures but does have pharmaceutical reports as well. See also unpublished reports by clicking on both "TEC assessments in progress" and "TEC assessments in press"
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**California Technology Assessment Forum.** Assessments (CTAF)
http://www.ctaf.org/assessments
*Does not include pharmaceutical technologies*
[Language: English]
PLEASE SELECT

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** (CMS). Technology Assessments
*Some duplication with AHRQ site*
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**Institute for Clinical and Economic Review** (ICER)
http://www.icer-review.org/index.php/Table/Appraisals/
*Search both 'completed' and 'ongoing' appraisals*
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Research & Development**. VA Technology Assessment Program. Health Technology Assessment Reports and Summaries (VATAP)
http://www.va.gov/VATAP/Phase2pubspage.asp
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**University HealthSystem Consortium** (UHC)
http://www.uhc.edu/
*Subscription required.*
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**Washington State Health Care Authority**. Health Technology Assessment Findings (HCA)
http://www.hta.hca.wa.gov/assessments.html
[Language: English]
Health Economics

Canada

PLEASE SELECT

Hospital for Sick Children [Toronto]. Paediatric Economic Database Evaluation (PEDE)
http://pede.ccb.sickkids.ca/pede/search.jsp
This database contains over 2000 citations of full economic evaluations
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Institute of Health Economics. Publications Library (IHE)
See above section “Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Agencies, Canada” for linking information
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

McMaster University, Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis. Publications database (CHEPA)
http://www.chepa.org/research-products
Click on "Working papers" in the left-hand menu for reports not in traditional journal literature
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Ontario Case Costing Initiative (OCCI)
http://www.occp.com/mainPage.htm
See "Costing Analysis (CAT) Tool" in left-hand menu for obtaining hospital costing information from hospitals currently participating in the Ontario Case Costing Initiative
[Languages: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Download the pdf document and perform a keyword search within
[Languages: English, French]
Toronto Health Economics and Technology Assessment Collaborative. Toronto Health Economics and Technology Assessment (THETA) [THETA]
http://theta.utoronto.ca/
To search this site click on the following three sections in the left-hand menu, "Projects," "Reports," "Working Papers," and browse each page. The keyword search box in the upper left-hand margin does not retrieve all reports.
Languages: English

**International**

PLEASE SELECT

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. National Quality Measures Clearinghouse, National quality measures clearinghouse (AHRQ) [AHRQ]
http://www.qualitymeasures.ahrq.gov/
Contains information on specific evidence-based health care quality measures and measure sets
Languages: English

PLEASE SELECT

Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. Pharmaceuticals Benefits Scheme - Browse by Medicine Listing (PBS) [PBS]
Browse alphabetical list for drug pricing
Languages: English

PLEASE SELECT

European Network of Health Economic Evaluation Databases (EURONHEED) [EURONHEED]
http://infodoc.inserm.fr/euronheed/Publication.nsf
Scroll down access to the "Search" box.
Languages: English, French, Catalan

PLEASE SELECT

Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Economic Research Division. Ideas database (IDEAS) [IDEAS]
http://ideas.repec.org/
Formally known as the RePEc database. To search click the "Advanced" search button in the top right-hand menu, and limit the search to 'Papers,' 'Chapters' and 'Books' (Articles are already captured in database searches). Need to scroll down the page to see search results.
Languages: English
PLEASE SELECT

**International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research.** Value in Health: Journal of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR)

http://www.valueinhealthjournal.com/issues

*Subscription required; select year to search and type in appropriate keyword in top menu. Includes abstracts from ISPOR's annual conferences. Duplication with EMBASE database which also indexes these conference abstracts.*

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**John Wiley & Sons, Inc.** Health Economic Evaluations Database (HEED)


*Paid subscription required*

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics [Ireland].** Pharmacoeconomic Evaluations (NCPE)

http://www.ncpe.ie/pharmacoeconomic-evaluations/

*Select the technology type of interest (i.e. Drugs) and browse using the alphabetical listing*

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

NHS EED, economic evaluations of health care interventions

*Searchable as part of the University of York NHS CRD databases. See the databases section.*

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**University of Aberdeen.** Health Economics Research Unit (HERU)

http://www.abdn.ac.uk/heru/publications/

*Select publication types "HERU Briefing Papers & Non-Refereed Papers" and "Reports" and browse by year within each category. See also "Projects" tab in left hand column for projects in progress. Full text links are not available for all reports.*

[Language: English]
Clinical Practice Guidelines

Canada

PLEASE SELECT Alberta Medical Association, Toward Optimized Practice (TOP) http://www.topalbertadoctors.org/cpgs.php?sid=1
*Type keywords into the "CPG search" box located in the left-hand menu*
[Languages: English]

[Languages: English]

PLEASE SELECT Canadian Medical Association, CMA Infobase: Clinical Practice Guidelines (CMA) http://www.cma.ca/index.cfm/ci_id/54316/la_id/1.htm
To search within guideline abstracts (not just title), use the "Advanced search" tab and select the "Include search in abstract" option. To browse guidelines by condition select the "Browse by" tab and then select the "Conditions" option.
[Languages: English]

Only search for cancer topics
[Languages: English]

[Language: English, French]
PLEASE SELECT
Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). Disease prevention and control guidelines
[Language: English, French]

PLEASE SELECT
University of Ottawa, School of Rehabilitation Science. Evidence-based Practice
[Language: English, French]

International
PLEASE SELECT
Academy of Medicine of Malaysia. Clinical Practice Guidelines
http://www.acadmed.org.my/index.cfm?&menuid=67
See also "General Guidelines" link in the left-hand menu
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT
Aetna, Inc. Clinical Policy Bulletins
• http://www.aetna.com/healthcare-professionals/policies-guidelines/medical_clinical_policy_bulletins.html (medical)
  Scroll down the page for the CPB (Medical Clinical Policy Bulletin) search box or alternatively browse the "Alphabetical list" to see topics in alphabetical order.
• http://www.aetna.com/healthcare-professionals/policies-guidelines/pcpb_menu.html (pharmaceutical)
  See bottom of the page for the Pharmacy Clinical Policy Bulletins (PCPBs) search box. Need to search separately by year using drop down menu on the left of the search box
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT
Guidelines & Audit Implementation Network. Guidelines (GAIN)
http://gain-ni.org/index.php/audits/guidelines
[Language: English]
PLEASE SELECT

Haute Autorité de santé/ French National Authority for Health (HAS). Practice Guidelines
http://www.has-sante.fr/portail/jcms/c_6056/recherche-avancee?portlet=c_39085&search_antidot=&portal=si_1218660&typesf=guidelines
Search box on top-right hand side will retrieve all reports (not just guidelines), to limit results to guidelines click the "Refine by content type" tab in the left-hand menu then limit to "Practice guidelines and other guides." This site is also searched in the "HTA Agency International" section of this checklist and was formerly known as, Agence Nationale d'Accréditation et d'Évaluation en Santé. Many reports are translated to English.
[Language: French, English]

PLEASE SELECT

Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI). Health care guidelines
http://www.icsi.org/guidelines_and_more/
Use site search box
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC)
http://www.guideline.gov/
Use advance search feature
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

National Health and Medical Research Council. Australia’s Clinical Practice Guidelines Portal
Typing keywords into the "Text search" box at top of the page provides the best retrieval
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

New Zealand Guidelines Group (NZGG)
http://www.nzgg.org.nz/
No longer producing new guidelines as of mid-2012
[Language: English]
PLEASE SELECT

**National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE). NICE Guidelines**

http://guidance.nice.org.uk/index.jsp?action=find

*This site is also searched in the HTA International section of this checklist. Browse by condition or enter keywords into the search box located in the top right-hand corner and then limit search results by "Guidance" in the left-hand menu.*

[Language: English]

Please Select

**Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN)**

http://www.sign.ac.uk/guidelines/index.html

*Search for completed guidelines by 'subject' or 'number'. Click "Current work programme" in the left-hand menu for guidelines in development.*

[Language: English]

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**Drug and Device Regulatory Approvals**

**Canada**

PLEASE SELECT

**Health Canada. Drugs**

- Drugs and Health Products: Drug Product Database
  *Contains drug product monographs for drugs approved for sale in Canada*

- Drugs and Health Products: Notice of Compliance Database
  http://webprod3.hc-sc.gc.ca/noc-ac/index-eng.jsp
  *Listing of new drug approvals*

- Drugs and Health Products: Patent Register
  *Listing of medicinal ingredients, their associated patents and the Canadian patent expiry dates.*

- Health Canada Summary Basis of Decision: Phase 1: Drugs (SBD)
  *For summaries on Health Canada pharmaceutical approval decisions, use the find feature (ctrl f) and search by drug name*

[Languages: English, French]
**PLEASE SELECT**

**Health Canada, Devices**
- Medical Devices Active Licence Listing (MDALL)
  Select “Active License Search” for class 2 or higher medical devices approved for sale in Canada.
- Summary Basis of Decision (SBD) Phase 1: Medical devices (SBD)
  *Use find feature (ctrl f) and search by device name*
  [Languages: English, French]

**International**

**PLEASE SELECT**

**Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme**. Public Summary Documents by Product
  [Language: English]

**PLEASE SELECT**

**Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, Therapeutic Goods Administration**. Australian Public Assessment Reports for Prescription Medicines (AusPARs)
  *Must use search box in upper right-hand corner to retrieve pre-2010 recommendations*
  [Language: English]

**PLEASE SELECT**

**European Medicines Agency** (EMA).
- European Public Assessment Reports (EPAR)
- Pending EC Decisions (EMA)
  [Language: English]
PLEASE SELECT

**NHS Scotland**, Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC)
http://www.scottishmedicines.org.uk/
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**Pharmaceutical Management Agency of New Zealand**, PHARMAC
Search both the online pharmaceutical schedule and site search box
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**U.S. Food and Drug Administration** (FDA). **Devices**
- 510(k) Premarket Notification Database Search (FDA)
  http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfPMN/pmn.cfm
  U.S. device approval notification site. To find what has been approved for a device class, find the product code in the below "FDA Product Classification Database" and search by product code
- Product Classification Database (FDA)
  Search device type (i.e. Magnetic Resonance Imaging) to obtain product codes for the 510K database (above) or click on product type, then the TPLG (total product life cycle) report for safety issues and recalls
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**U.S. Food and Drug Administration** (FDA). **Drugs**
- Advisory Committees (FDA)
  http://www.fda.gov/oc/advisory/default.htm
  Type drug name in search box (located in the middle of the page), take note of any relevant Advisory Committee dates and then go back and browse by that particular meeting minutes
- Drugs@FDA: FDAapproved drug products (FDA)
  http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/
  Search drug name, click on approval history, then link to review for medical statistical information, etc.
- Guidances (Drugs)
  Contains FDA guidance documents on drugs
[Language: English]
Advisories and Warnings

Canada

PLEASE SELECT

**Canadian Medical Association.** Drug Advisories (CMA)
http://www.canadianmedicaljournal.ca/site/misc/advisories.xhtml
Search using the "ctrl F" function by year. Do not use the search box at the top right as that finds everything published in CMAJ (already searched via PubMed).
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**Health Canada.**
- MedEffect Canada - Advisories, Warnings and Recalls
  Choose year(s) needed, then use find feature (ctrl f) to search for the drug name
- Index of Published Canadian Adverse Reaction Newsletters (CARN)
  Use find feature (ctrl f) and search by drug name
- Canada Vigilance Online Database
  To search the database fill in the appropriate criteria and then scroll down to click the "search" button. There is an option to "Export results" from the report page.
[Languages: English, French]

International

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**Adverse Events Inc. (AEI).** Adverse Events Redefining Drug Safety
http://adverseevents.com/
Summarizes FDA adverse event reports
[Language: English]
PLEASE SELECT

- Australian Adverse Drug Reactions Bulletin
  *Has been replaced by the Medicines Safety Update, but this bulletin still has reports from 1995-2009*
- Medical device incident reporting & investigation scheme (IRIS) articles
- Medicines Safety Update
  *Replaces by the Australian Adverse Drug Reactions Bulletin which has issues from 1995-2009*
  [Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

European Medicines Agency (EMA).
- European Database of Suspected Adverse Drug Reaction Reports
  http://www.adrreports.eu/EN/index.html
- Patient Safety
  *Use find feature (ctrl f) and search by drug name*
- Withdrawn Applications (EMA)
  *Browse alphabetical list or use the "Keyword search" tab to type in a drug name*
  [Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). Drug Safety Update
  [Language: English]
PLEASE SELECT
http://www.nrls.npsa.nhs.uk/alerts/
Scroll down to use the "Keywords" box in the center of the page. Boolean operators are not supported.
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT
New Zealand Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority.
• Medsafe: medical devices
  This page provides information on current safety issues related to medical devices in New Zealand. Click on the "Archived Medical Devices Issues" link for older safety issues concerning medical devices.
• Medsafe: Prescriber update articles
  Use 'find' function (ctrl f) in your browser to locate safety issues on a particular medicine
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT
U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
• MAUDE - Manufacturer and User Facility Device Experience
  http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfmaude/search.cfm
  To find what safety issues have been reported for a device class, find the product code in the "FDA Product Classification Database" (see section, H Regulatory Approvals) and search by product code
• MedWatch: FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program (FDA)
  http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm
  To find safety information on pharmaceuticals
[Language: English]
Drug Class Reviews

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Department of Veterans Affairs (U.S.), Pharmacy Benefits Management Strategic Healthcare Group. Drug Class Reviews
http://www.pbm.va.gov/DrugClassReviews.aspx
Browse the drug class reviews list or type a keyword into the search box on the top right-hand menu, selecting the “Search current site only” option
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Oregon Health & Science University. Drug Effectiveness Review Project (DERP)
Scroll down to browse the drug class reviews list or type a keyword into the search box on the top menu, selecting the "This series" option
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Saskatoon Health Region. RxFiles: objective comparisons for optimal drug therapy
http://www.rxfiles.ca/rxfiles/modules/druginfoindex/druginfo.aspx
Subscription required
[Language: English]

Clinical Trials (Ongoing)

PLEASE SELECT

BioMed Central. Current Controlled Trials
http://www.controlled-trials.com/mrct/
Searches across multiple registers, but be sure to unclick NIH-ClinicalTrials.gov, if ClinicalTrials.gov has already been searched
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations (IFPMA). IFPMA Clinical Trials Portal
[Language: English]
**PLEASE SELECT**

**Ontario Institute for Cancer Research.** Ontario Cancer Trials (OCRN)
http://www.ontario.canadiancancertrials.ca/
*For cancer topics only, most trials also in Clinicaltrials.gov. Use generic drug name when searching.*
[Language: English]

**PLEASE SELECT**

**National Institute of Medical Statistics, Indian Council of Medical Research.** Clinical trials registry - India (CTRI)
http://ctri.nic.in/Clinicaltrials/advancesearchmain.php
[Language: English]

**PLEASE SELECT**

**Thomson Centerwatch.** CenterWatch Clinical Trials Listing Service
http://www.centerwatch.com/clinical-trials/listings/
*Search by therapeutic area or medical condition*
[Language: English]

**PLEASE SELECT**

**U.S. National Institutes of Health.** ClinicalTrials.gov
http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct/screen/AdvancedSearch
*Able to limit by trial phase or date. To further refine the search from the results screen click "Display options" in the top right-hand corner*
[Language: English]

**PLEASE SELECT**

**U.K. Department of Health.** UK Clinical Research Network Study Portfolio (UKCRN)
http://public.ukcrn.org.uk/search/
[Language: English]

**PLEASE SELECT**

**World Health Organization.** International clinical trials registry search portal (ICTRP)
http://www.who.int/trialsearch/
*Use "Advanced search" screen to limit results. Ignore trials with ID numbers beginning with "NCT," if you have already searched for trials from Clinicaltrials.gov.*
[Language: English]
Canadian Drug Formularies

PLEASE SELECT

**DrugCoverage.ca**
http://www.drugcoverage.ca/default.asp
*Portal to Canadian drug plans, this site can be used to access different provincial / territorial and federal drug benefit programs (see “Federal Plans” in left-hand margin). It also gives a good overview of the Canadian drug plans available as well as instructions for who is eligible for which plan.*
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**Health Canada, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch**, Non-Insured Health Benefits, Drug Benefit List
[Language: English]

**Databases (free)**

*These databases are not limited to the retrieval of grey literature. Many, such as PubMed, retrieve traditional commercially published literature.*

PLEASE SELECT

**Bandolier**, Bandolier Knowledge
http://www.medicine.ox.ac.uk/bandolier/knowledge.html
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**National Center for Biotechnology Information** (NCBI). Bookshelf
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**Latin-American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information** (LILACS)
http://bases.bireme.br/cgi-bin/wxislind.exe/iah/online/?IsisScript=iah/iah.xis&base=LILACS&lang=I
*LILACS is searched via the “Virtual Health Library” (VHL) portal.*
[Languages: English, Portuguese, Spanish]
PLEASE SELECT

**National Health Service (NHS).** National Electronic Library for Medicines (NeLM)
http://www.nelm.nhs.uk/en/
Browse by categories such as "Medical specialty" then limit using filters on the left-hand menu
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

**NHS Evidence.** Evidence in Health and Social Care (NHS)
http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/
Incorporates the former National Library for Health website. Some overlap with National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) and other UK NHS sites. Note filters on left-hand menu to limit search results.
[Language: English]
University of Queensland. OTseeker – Occupational Therapy Systematic Evaluation of Evidence.
http://www.otseeker.com

OTseeker is a database that contains abstracts of systematic reviews and randomized controlled trials relevant to occupational therapy. Trials have been critically appraised and rated to assist you to evaluate their validity and interpretability. These ratings will help you to judge the quality and usefulness of trials for informing clinical interventions.
[Language: English]

University of Sydney (Australia), Centre for Evidence-Based Physiotherapy (CEBP). The Physiotherapy Evidence Database (PEDro).
[Languages: English and various languages]

Biggest biomedical database in the world, not considered grey literature
[Language: English]

U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM). PubMed Central (NIH)
http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/
Duplicate of articles retrieved through PubMed but Central allows for full-text searching for those articles indexed within PubMed Central.
[Language: English]

Turning Research Into Practice (TRIP) database.
http://www.tripdatabase.com/
On results page, use filters on right-hand side to refine initial search.
[Language: English]

University of York, Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD)
http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/SearchPage.asp
CRD databases include Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE), Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Database, NHS EED-Economic evaluations of health care interventions.
[Language: English]
PLEASE SELECT University of York. PROSPERO: International registry of systematic reviews (PROSPERO)
http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/prospero/
Registry of incomplete, ongoing systematic reviews
[Language: English]

Databases (subscription-based)

PLEASE SELECT BMJ Publishing Group. BMJ Clinical Evidence
http://clinicalevidence.bmj.com/ceweb/conditions/index.jsp
Subscription required
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT ECRI Institute. Health Devices Gold (ECRI)
http://www.ecri.org/
For health devices only, a subscription required. After searching, filter the results by document type listed in left hand menu.
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI). JBI Connect+
http://connect.jbiconnectplus.org/
Subscription required for most reports.
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT UpToDate. UpToDate.com
http://www.uptodate.com/online/login.do
Subscription required for this database of evidence based medicine information
[Language: English]
Health Statistics

Canada

PLEASE SELECT

Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI). Quick Statistics
http://www.cihi.ca/CIHI-ext-portal/internet/EN/Quick_Stats/quick+stats/quick_stats_main?pageNumber=1&resultCount=10
Enter keywords into the search box on the top right-hand corner and filter results using the given options
[Languages: English, French]

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Health Canada. Health Canada: main page
http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/index_e.html
Click “A-Z Index” link in left menu to browse by topic
[Languages: English, French]

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Heart and Stroke Foundation. Statistics
http://www.heartandstroke.com/site/c.iKlQLcMWJtE/b.3483991/k.34A8/Statistics.htm
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

IMS Health. IMS Health in Canada
http://www.imshealth.com/portal/site/imshealth?CURRENT_LOCALE=en_ca
Use the “Unlocking the power of health information” tab, and select the publication link in the left hand column. IMS will provide customized statistics for a fee.
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Institute of Health Economics (IHE). Database of Online Health Statistics
http://www.ihe.ca/publications/health-db/
This database covers freely available web-based health statistics. Current focus is on Canadian and American statistics, but there is some international coverage.
[Language: English]
PLEASE SELECT

**New Brunswick Ministry of Health Epidemiological Service.** Health Publications and Services in New Brunswick
http://www.gnb.ca/0051/pub/index-e.asp#epidemiology
[Language: English, French]

PLEASE SELECT

**Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC).**
- Chronic Disease Infobase
  http://204.187.39.30/surveillance/Index.aspx?L=eng
  *Browse by topic*
- Notifiable Diseases On-Line
  *Click on 'Notifiable Disease Charts' or 'Maps' to get Canadian statistics on tracked (notifiable) diseases*
- Reports & Publications
  *Browse alphabetical listing of PHAC publications or use find feature (ctrl f) and search by keyword*
- Surveillance
  *Browse to see if a surveillance program on topic exists. The following sources are duplicates; "Canada Communicable Disease Report (CCDR) Weekly" is indexed on PubMed, and both "Chronic Disease Infobase" and "Disease Surveillance On-Line" are searched separately in this checklist*
[Language: English]

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**Statistics Canada.**
- Canadian Cancer Registry (CCR)
  *For data click on "Summary tables" or "Publications" in the left-hand menu. Contains 2009 data from latest July 2011 release.*
- Diseases and Health Conditions
  http://cansim2.statcan.ca/cgi-win/cnsmscgipgm?Lang=E&SP_Action=SubT&SP_ID=1887&SP_Portal=5
  *Browse links under "Resource" section for statistics on diseases and health conditions in Canada. For other health related statistics see "Other subtopics" in the left-hand menu.*
[Languages: English, French]
US

PLEASE SELECT

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- FastStats A to Z
  http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/
- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)
  http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/
- National Center for Health Statistics (CDC)
  http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/
  [Languages: English and various others]

PLEASE SELECT

National Cancer Institute, Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results: Cancer Statistics (SEER)
[Languages: English, French]

International

PLEASE SELECT

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). OECD Health Data
http://www.oecd.org/document/30/0,3343,en_2649_34631_12968734_1_1_1_1,00.html
For statistics access the online database in the right-hand menu or click on the "Frequently requested statistics" link for popular statistics given in Excel or Adobe format
[Languages: English, French, Dutch, Italian, Japanese, Russian]

PLEASE SELECT

World Health Organization, Global Health Observatory (GHO)
http://www.who.int/gho/en/
Find health data on 193 WHO members by searching the online database or by browsing the navigational links. Supersedes WHO Statistical Information System (WHOSIS).
[Languages: English, French, Spanish, Russian, and various others]
Internet Search

Search Engines

For most topics a comprehensive Internet search is impossible. For systematic searches we recommend reviewing the top 50 to 100 hits in a search engine such as Google.

PLEASE SELECT
Google
http://www.google.com
If no results, try another search engine

PLEASE SELECT
Google Scholar

PLEASE SELECT
Professional Associations/Manufacturers Sites (if applicable)

Open Access Journals

PLEASE SELECT
Lund University Libraries. Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
http://www.doaj.org/
Truncation searching not supported
[Language: English]

Miscellaneous

Behavioral change

PLEASE SELECT
Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH). Rx for Change
http://www.cadth.ca/en/resources/rx-for-change/database
[Language: English]

Complementary medicine

PLEASE SELECT
Alternative Medicine Foundation, HerbMed®
http://www.herbmed.org/
[Language: English]
PLEASE SELECT  
**Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.** Sloan-Kettering: about herbs, botanicals & other products  
[Language: English]

**Dentistry**  
PLEASE SELECT  
**Aetna Inc.** Aetna Dental Policy Bulletins  
http://www.aetna.com/cpb/dental/menu.html  
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT  
**Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto.** Evidence Based Report  
http://www.utoronto.ca/dentistry/newsresources/evidence_based/evidencebasedlearning.html  
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT  
**Centre for Evidence-based Dentistry (CEBD)**  
http://www.cebd.org/  
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT  
**ADA. Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry.** Systematic Reviews  
http://ebd.ada.org/SystematicReviews.aspx  
*Scroll down to see “Topic index for database of systematic reviews”*  
[Language: English]

**Mental Health**  
PLEASE SELECT  
**Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration.** SAMSHA's National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP)  
http://www.nrepp.samhsa.gov/  
*Online database of mental health and substance abuse interventions/programs that have been reviewed and rated*  
[Language: English]