

Selected FREE Online Resources for Rehabilitation Medicine Practitioners

Clinical answers

E-medicine <http://www.emedicine.com/pmr/topiclist.htm>
Full text articles on physical medicine and rehabilitation (select: Specialties)

Systematic reviews, randomized clinical trials, clinical practice guidelines

PEDro : The Physiotherapy Evidence Database www.pedro.fhs.usyd.edu.au/index.html
Randomized controlled trials, systematic reviews and evidence-based clinical practice guidelines. References with abstracts.

OTSeeker : Occupational Therapy Systematic Evaluation of Evidence
<http://www.otseeker.com/> Systematic reviews and randomized controlled trials in occupational therapy, rated for validity. References with abstracts.

Cochrane Systematic Reviews: Abstracts www.cochrane.org/reviews/index.htm
Wide range of medical topics : pay-per-view access for full text. Free access to full text for members of Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.

DARE (Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects)
<http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd/> [Click on Databases]
Systematic reviews in the health sciences : references with abstracts.

AARP Ageline <http://www.aarp.org/research/ageline/features.html>
Multidisciplinary database of materials relevant to the population aged 50+.

Evidence Database for Social Care of the Aged
<http://socialworkleadership.org/nsw/cap/ebp.php>
References with abstracts : evidence type, data type, practice settings, population etc

EffectivOlderPeopleCare <http://www.effectiveolderpeoplecare.org/>
Current best evidence from systematic reviews on the care of older people

PsycBITE Psychological Database for Brain Impairment Treatment Efficacy
<http://www.psycbite.com/> Systematic reviews, clinical trials etc containing empirical data on treatments for acquired brain impairment, rated for validity and quality.

StrokEngine <http://www.medicine.mcgill.ca/strokengine/index-en.html>
Current information on stroke rehabilitation and interventions

StrokEngine Assess <http://www.medicine.mcgill.ca/strokengine-assess/>
Assessment instruments for stroke

Web portals

Australian Institute of Family Studies <http://www.aifs.gov.au/index.html>

Centre for Families, Work and Well-being (University of Guelph)
<http://www.uoguelph.ca/cfww/>

CCOHS: Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety <http://www.ccohs.ca/>

Ergonomics Society <http://www.ergonomics.org.uk/page.php?s=17&p=87>

Google Directory : Data on fabric and textile properties
http://www.google.com/Top/Business/Textiles_and_Nonwovens/Textiles/Fabrics/Technical_Textiles/Protection_and_Reinforcement/Multiple_Applications/North_America/

SLP 'Start Page' Speech Language Pathology
http://members.tripod.com/Caroline_Bowen/slp-eureka.htm

Devices, equipment and technologies

HTA: Health Technology Assessment www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd/ [click on: Databases]
Systematic reviews, clinical trials and reports on assessment of devices, equipment and procedures, including quality of life. References with critiques
NHS EED : National Health Service Economic Evaluation Database
Cost-effectiveness of drugs, treatments and procedures. References with critiques

Articles in biomedical journals

PubMed www.pubmed.gov
5000+ biomedical journals indexed by the National Library of Medicine (U.S.)
Many Open Access journals (free, full text) : some full text : some pay per view

TRIP : Turning Research Into Practice <http://www.tripdatabase.com/index.html>
Fast searching for high quality clinical evidence for clinical practice : much full text
TRIP Answers <http://www.tripanswers.org/default.aspx>
Fast answers to clinical questions

British Journal of Occupational Therapy : free access to online version for members of Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists

Public health topics (Canada)

Health-Evidence.ca www.health-evidence.ca
Evidence-based studies on public health topics : some full text : rated for quality

Evidence-based practice: easy to read

Bandolier : Learning Zone

www.jr2.ox.ac.uk/bandolier

Evidence in Practice : Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists

<http://www.caot.ca/default.asp?pageid=2076>

Consumer health materials (plain English)

MedlinePlus

www.medlineplus.gov

Information from professional organizations and institutions, selected by the U.S. National Institutes of Health and National Library of Medicine. Full text. Videos.

Finding full text journal articles : try these

- CISTI Source <http://source.cisti-icist.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/>
An article supply service with free registration and a charge per article from the Canadian Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, Ottawa.
- Your health region library service, if you are employed there
- In Alberta, TAL Online (The Alberta Library) <http://www.talonline.ca/>
- Your public library interlibrary loan service (there may be a charge)
- OTDbase for sources for full text. <http://otdbase.org/> (subscription required)
- Google www.google.com Search for the journal : many publishers provide pay-per-view access to single articles. Open Access journals are available full text (some may only provide articles over 6 months old or 12 months old)

Borrowing books from almost any Alberta library

- If you have a library card from your local public library or post-secondary institution, you can ask for a free TAL card (The Alberta Library card).
- Use this card at most libraries in Alberta to borrow and return up to 10 books. Full details at: <http://www.thealbertalibrary.ab.ca/contact/?id=30>

Talk to your colleagues: web portals and listservs for questions and discussion

- Evidence-Based Occupational Therapy www.otevidence.info
- Physiotherapy Listserv physio@jiscmail.ac.uk
- SLP 'Start Page' Speech Language Pathology http://members.tripod.com/Caroline_Bowen/slp-eureka.htm

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