



PART 5: FINDING SECONDARY LITERATURE



Evidence hierarchy




Secondary

- Evidence-based guidelines
- Meta analyses
- Systematic reviews


- Nat'l Guidelines Clearinghouse
- Cochrane Database

Primary

- Controlled trials (Randomized CTs)
- Prospective cohort studies
- Case-control (retrospective cohort) studies
- Case studies



Finding 2^o literature



NATIONAL GUIDELINE CLEARINGHOUSE

NGC collects best practice guidelines produced by medical facilities, agencies and organizations around the world. Be aware that the guidelines included do run the gamut from those using explicit EBM principles to some that are big on advocacy but low on evidence.

Search hints:


- Search with synonyms (OR) and combined concepts with AND
- Check date of guideline
- Check for an evidence weighting grade or scale

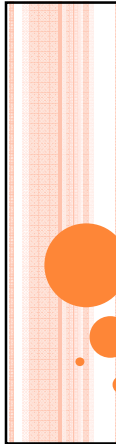
COCHRANE DATABASE OF SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS

A database of high quality, constantly updated systematic reviews (meta-analyses) created by 50 international teams. The CDSR includes 5600 reviews involving therapy and prevention. Each review is created under strict quality control and review.

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- It best to search with "title, abstracts, and keywords" selected





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