

# Knowledge and Library Services

## for nurses and midwives



NHS Knowledge and Library Services can give you access to the most up to date and trusted evidence and information in healthcare today, enabling high quality decision making, professional development, research and innovation to achieve health improvement across England, locally, regionally and nationally.

### NHS OpenAthens

Before you start, you need an NHS OpenAthens account to take full advantage of all these tools and resources.

If you have forgotten your login or need an account [register now!](#) Or watch our video guide on how to [register](#).

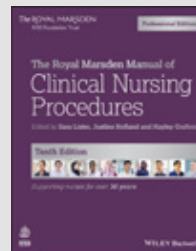


### Finding information in one place



The [NHS Knowledge and Library Hub](#) has thousands of journals, e-books, guidelines, medical databases, clinical decision support tools and providing up to date, trusted evidence and information – all online and in one place.

For more advanced searching, use [CINAHL](#), [British Nursing Index](#), [AMED](#) and [Emcare](#). Go to our [resources for advanced searching page for more information and links to training](#).



### [Royal Marsden Manual of Clinical Nursing Procedures](#)

the 'gold standard' for nursing with 350 evidence-based clinical procedures related to every aspect of care.

All these resources are NHS funded so free to staff and trainees in England. [Start your search](#), read the [FAQs](#) for help or watch our [short YouTube guide](#).

### Tools and support at your fingertips



#### [BMJ Best Practice](#)

The national clinical decision support tool is available on desktop or app, drawing on the latest evidence-based research with step-by-step guidance on diagnosis, prognosis, treatment and prevention.



#### [OUP handbooks and textbooks](#)

All NHS staff and students on placement have access to over 130 Oxford Medicine e-books, including at least 24 titles for nurses and midwives such as:

#### The 'Emergencies in...' series:

- Adult Nursing
- Children's and Young People's Nursing
- Mental Health Nursing

#### And the Oxford Handbook series of...

- Learning and Intellectual Disability Nursing
- Midwifery
- Cancer Nursing
- Diabetes Nursing
- Primary Care and Community Nursing



### Direct benefit to you and your patients

61% of people struggle to understand health information in words and numbers. [Our 30 minute elearning course](#) has simple tools for staff.

To address health inequalities, we need to focus on improving health literacy, digital literacy and digital access. Our [online tool](#) gives place-based geodata to identify levels of health literacy and digital access in your area.



Our co-produced, [easy read guides](#) can be downloaded for people with learning disabilities and autism, to help them navigate healthcare.

In [Your Health Collection](#) we have online resources for you and your colleagues to help patients with general health and wellbeing.

We also have [Uplifting Resources](#) to help staff wellbeing.



The [NHS Knowledge Mobilisation Framework eLearning](#) and [postcards](#) present 13 simple techniques you can use to learn before, during and after everything you do so good practice can be replicated and pitfalls avoided.



### Help with searching for the right information

If you're new to literature searching, or need a refresher, why not try this elearning course: [How to search the literature effectively](#).

### Understanding critical appraisal

Essential to evidence-based practice, critical appraisal helps enrich your research and learning and can be applied in a range of circumstances, such as formal or informal research projects, your professional development or while studying.

To support healthcare professionals to develop invaluable critical appraisal skills, there is an elearning programme – [Critically Appraising the Evidence Base](#)

### e-books and journals

You have direct access to thousands of relevant journals via [BrowZine library](#). For seamless access to full text articles when searching the web, [Download LibKey Nomad](#) Use your trust name or 'Primary Care in England' as your organisation.

For your general professional and personal development check out the e-books on [Kortext](#).

Sign in through your organisation, pick NHS in England and use your NHS OpenAthens account to log in.



### Contact your library



### For more information

There is a lot more information and detail on [our website](#) and a page just for nurses and midwives.

- Get answers to your questions
- Get trusted evidence to support your practice
- Get reassurance for you decisions
- Find information to support your professional development

### Watch our animation

['Make NHS Knowledge and Library Services Part of Your Team Throughout Your Nursing Career'](#)

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