

Knowledge and Library Services

for GPs and practice teams



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. Resources include:

NICE [Clinical Knowledge Summaries](#) over 370 topics covered in accessible summaries particularly geared towards primary care practitioners.

[Maudsley Prescribing Guidelines](#) is the essential evidence-based prescribing guidelines on the safe and effective prescribing of psychotropic agents.

[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 over 15 titles for GP and practice teams such as:

- Emergencies in Primary Care
- Oxford Handbook of Clinical Diagnosis
- Oxford Handbook of General Practice
- Oxford Handbook of Primary Care and Community Nursing
- Oxford Textbook of Community Mental Health
- Oxford Textbook of Medicine

Direct benefit to you and your patients



61% of people struggle to understand health information in words and numbers. [Our 30 minute e-learning 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 practice teams to help patients with general health and wellbeing.

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

The [NHS Knowledge Mobilisation Framework E-Learning](#) 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.



Practice Managers



This is for your whole practice team and community-based services – such as MSK, Social Prescribing or midwifery, and specialist clinics, like vaccinations, diabetes, menopause or weight management. Staff can find the latest information and evidence at their fingertips using these NHS Knowledge and Library Services.

Help with searching for the right information



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

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 ebooks on [Kortext](#).

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

Local NHS support



Depending on which area of the country your practice is in, you may have access to a local NHS knowledge and library service, including embedded Primary Care Knowledge Specialists supporting your Training Hubs.

[Click here to find your local knowledge and library service](#)

Watch our animation



[The benefits of working with NHS Knowledge and Library Specialists](#)

For more information



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

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

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