

6. Search History Display

Whenever you enter a new search term, it will be automatically entered into the search history table. You can combine sets with AND/OR operators. In order to combine you need to use the # symbol before the set number (e.g. set #4 below = #2 or #3).

Current Search History

ID	Search	Hits	Edit	Delete
#1	smoking in All Fields in all products	7483	edit	delete
#2	MeSH descriptor Hypnosis explode all trees in MeSH products	20	edit	delete
#3	hypnotherapy in All Fields in all products	98	edit	delete
#4	(#2 OR #3)	110	edit	delete
#5	(#1 AND #4)	10	edit	delete

Clicking on the underlined search takes you to the search results, broken down by database

[Cochrane Reviews \[114\]](#) | [DARE \[10\]](#) | [CENTRAL \[283\]](#) | [Methodology Reviews \[0\]](#) | [HTA \[2\]](#) | [NHS EED \[23\]](#)

7. Viewing Results



[Export All Results](#)

Record Information

Restrict to: [Reviews](#) | [Protocols](#) Sort by: [Record Title](#) | [Match](#)

- [Group behaviour therapy programmes for smoking cessation](#)
LF Stead, T Lancaster
Year: 2002
[Record](#) 
- [Hypnotherapy for smoking cessation](#)
NC Abbot, LF Stead, AR White, J Barnes
Year: 1998
[Record](#) 
- [Psychotherapeutic interventions for adults with asthma](#)

Click **Record** to see the full-text of a systematic review record in the database of systematic reviews. In the remaining databases, this will provide an abstract only.

 = full review.  = protocol (full review is not yet complete).

8. Printing and Saving

Use the checkbox to mark records for saving, then use the **export selected citations** button, or **export all results** for the entire set. Records will be saved as a .txt file.

- [Psychotherapeutic interventions for adults with asthma](#)
SL Fleming, C Pagliari, R Churchill, M McKean, CM Shuldham
Year: 2003
[Record](#) 
 - [Workplace interventions for smoking cessation](#)
M Moher, K Hey, T Lancaster
Year: 2003
[Record](#) 
- [Select All](#) (to export citations)
- [Export Selected Citations](#) [Export All Results](#)

To print full text reviews you will need to click on the link to the Record (see above) and use the PDF link to view and print in Adobe Acrobat Reader. For records not available in PDF format, use the **Record** link and print using your web browser's print button.

Help is available!

Contact the reference staff for search help or to arrange a training session.

A.R. Dykes Library



How To Search The Cochrane Library An Introductory Guide

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1. Accessing The Cochrane Library

Go to the A.R. Dykes Library website: <http://library.kumc.edu/>
Under "Databases List", find the link for "Cochrane Library".

There is no need to log in, but if you wish to save a search for future use, you will need to register and log in under your personal profile. Use the **My Profile** link from the homepage for this; registration is free.

2. Opening Screen

You can conduct a basic keyword search on the right side of the page, but this is not effective if you wish to search for all relevant material on a subject.

3. Search Options

For a more effective search with more options, click the **Cochrane Advanced Search** link.

You can also access your **Saved Searches** if you have registered your profile.

A more detailed guide to searching is available if you click **Search Tips**

4. Advanced Searching

The advanced search option allows you to enter terms in separate boxes, using the AND or OR operators to combine as necessary. You can limit your search to the title or abstract field restrictions to reduce the number of results. At the bottom of the search form, you can also limit the search to a date range.

Choosing the **Search** box takes you directly to the search results. Alternatively, if you check the **Go directly to Search History** box before clicking **Search**, you will get a list of your searches with the number of hits retrieved:

Current Search History

ID	Search	Hits	Edit	Delete
#1	smoking in All Fields and pregnancy in All Fields, from 1800 to 2004 in all products	441	edit	delete
#2	smoking in Record Title and pregnancy in Abstract, from 1800 to 2004 in all products	82	edit	delete

5. Effective Searching

In order to search most effectively, use the **MeSH search** in addition to the advanced search option.

This will identify medical subject headings (or **MeSH**) for your search terms and allow you to expand your search using the explode option.

Enter your search term and click Thesaurus to search for the subject heading