

Information Empowerment: Foundations in Searching the Biomedical Literature



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Today (new or review?)


- 1. **Getting Started**
 - o Global Sexual & Reproductive Health Research Guide
- 1. **Going to the Source**
 - o Basics of searching the scholarly literature
- 3. **Searching: PubMed**
 - o Applying search basics to a major scholarly database



Our brief time today...
An Overview



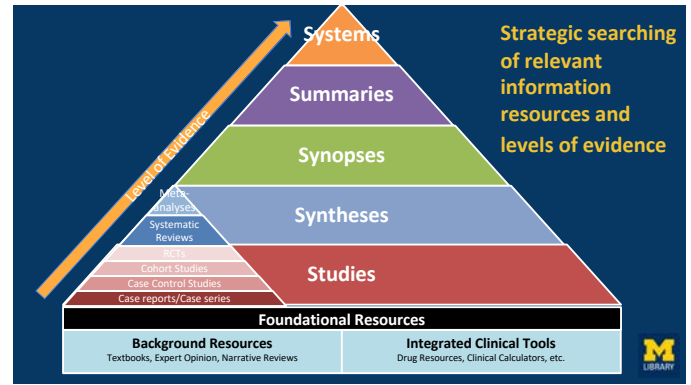
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Evidence based process:
Matching information resource to information need

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Clinical setting: 5As Step EBP Process

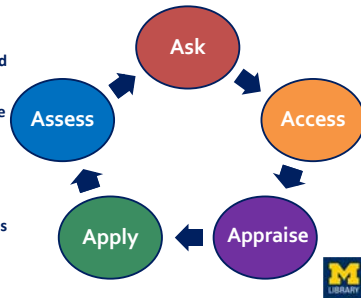
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APPRAISE: Appraise the evidence for its validity and usefulness

APPLY: Integrate the results with your clinical expertise and your patient values / local conditions

ASSESS: Evaluate the effectiveness of the process



Research setting: 5As Step EBP Process

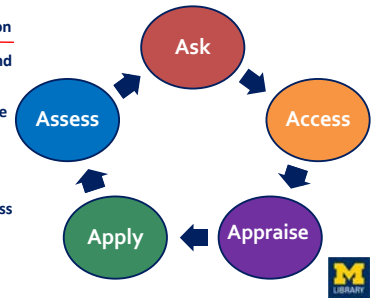
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Overview
 Welcome to the Global Sexual and Reproductive Health research guide! The information sources on this guide are openly accessible to all users. We hope you find them useful and will share freely. Your feedback and comments are most welcome!

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Resource Spotlight

- **ISSAI Statement: Reproductive Health in a Time of COVID-19**
 In September 2021, sexual and reproductive health and rights, humanitarian and development organizations regarding COVID-19 and reproductive health, issued an ISSAI of sexual and reproductive health care.
- **WHO Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Policy Portal**
 Regional and country sites for sexual cancer, family planning, sexually transmitted health, sexually transmitted infections and adolescent sexual health.
- **The State of the World's Maternity (SOWM) by WHO**
 Publication Date: May 2021
- **Digital Adaptation Kit for Family Planning**
 Operational requirements for implementing (SOWM) recommendations at digital solutions. 25 June 2021 | Sexual and Reproductive Health
- **Birth Place Lab**
 Translating health disparities and

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- **ACOG News Releases**
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Going to the Source: Literature Search Process

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Extensive Literature Search: Types of Searching

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- Registry Search
- Hand Searching
- Expert contacts - source of unpublished literature...
- Conference proceeding search
- Internet search
- Finding International Literature
- Finding Grey Literature

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Literature Searching Basics

1. Establish research question
2. Select resources to use
3. Concepts and keywords
4. Organize your search strategy
5. Run your search
6. Evaluate your results (revise search strategy)
7. Select and organize articles

1. The Research Question

The comprehensive literature search begins with a *clearly defined and focused* research question

- Develop your strategy
- Know and Identify the appropriate information sources



1. The research question:

How does violence affect mental health?

-Possibly too **broad**

1. The research question

How does a diagnosis of HIV during pregnancy impact the risk of IPV in Low/Middle Income Countries?

-Possibly too **narrow**

1. The research question

How does experiencing domestic violence during pregnancy impact maternal mental health?

-Just **right**

2. resources

- Books
- Databases (journals, articles, etc.)
- Grey literature
- Datasets
- Experts

Foreground Question: Articles in databases like PubMed, GoogleScholar	Statistics: Government agencies; organizations like WHO, UN; MoH, studies like GBD
Interventions: Women Deliver, JHPIEGO; Exemplars in Global Health	Grey Literature: Conference proceedings, white papers, government reports

3. concepts and keywords

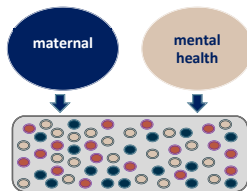
*How does experiencing **domestic violence** during **pregnancy** impact **maternal mental health**?*

How does experiencing domestic violence during pregnancy impact maternal mental health?

Main	Synonym 1	Synonym 2	Synonym 3	Synonym 4
Domestic violence	Intimate partner violence	IPV	Gender-based violence	
pregnancy	pregnant	maternal		
Mental health	Mental illness	depression	Depressive disorder	

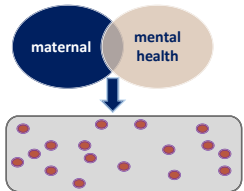
OR = More results
Combine Synonyms

maternal OR mental health



AND = Specific
Combine different Concepts

maternal AND mental health



4. Organize your search

- Figure out which terms to include and how to combine your concepts and keywords
- Document your searches to make revisiting or editing them in the future easier

For example:

(domestic violence OR IPV OR gender based violence) AND (pregnancy OR pregnant) AND (mental health OR depression)

Exercise: Your search terms (Search Construction)

Search concepts

Alternate words

4a. Document your search

- Database
- Search terms
- Filters used
- Number of results
- Date searched

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[Domestic Violence] OR [Intimate Partner Violence] OR [IPV] OR [Gender-Based Violence] AND
[Pregnancy] OR [Pregnant] OR [Maternal] AND
[Mental Health] OR [Mental Illness] OR [Depression] OR [Depressive Disorder]
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3 Results 1-3 of 3
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• Describe the search strategy in sufficient detail so that it can be replicated

5. Run your search / 6. Evaluate your results

- Scan your results to evaluate relevancy
 - Are the articles on target?
 - If not, review your results and look for ways to improve your search
 - Have you combined your search terms correctly?
 - Revise and rerun your search
- Searching is an iterative (ongoing) process...



Searching is iterative!

Review your results.
Revise your search.
Rerun your search.
Repeat.



searching with phrases

Your search: heart attack

Article title:

*High-dose atorvastatin and risk of atrial fibrillation in patients with prior stroke or transient ischemic **attack**. (American **Heart** Journal)*

Your search: "heart attack"

Article title:

*Study links drugs for Alzheimer's disease with reduced risk of **heart attack** and death.*

6a. revise (with limits)

- You may find limiting your search to publication types helpful:
 - Only want to see the highest levels of evidence?
Limit to "Systematic Reviews"
 - Want to see individual studies?
Possibly limit to "Clinical Trials" or "Case Reports"

common limits

- Publication types
- Publication date
- Languages
- Subject
- Sex
- Species
- Ages

6a. Revise (Resources)

- There may be a database better suited to your question
- Perhaps you are looking for background information rather than research

7. select and organize articles

- Select the relevant articles
- Save the citations
 - Organize in a meaningful way:
 - By publication type? By author? Study types?
 - Add notes
 - There is no perfect way to organize them
- Save within the database or use citation management tool like EndNote or Zotero



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Getting started (some sources):



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- [PubMed](#)
- [Google Scholar](#)
- [Global Index Medicus](#)
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- [AJOL: African Journals Online](#)

Databases: Practice questions for your consideration

What is the impact of food insecurity on breastfeeding?
 How is access to women's health care impacted in refugees camps?
 Specifically, I want to focus on scholarly literature from the last 10 years.
 What are patient provider attitudes towards gender identify in health care?
 I am looking for articles on menstruation and cultural practices. I want to only view scholarly articles from the last 10 years.

Searching:
PubMed Basics

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the research question

What is the association between retinopathy and diabetes in pregnancy?

*What is the association between **retinopathy** and **diabetes** in **pregnancy**?*

Concepts and Keywords:
Building the Search

Concepts	Alternate Words
retinopathy	retinal diseases, retina
diabetes	glycemic control, blood glucose, hyperglycemia, glucose intolerance, HbA1c
pregnancy	pregnant, gestation, obstetric, pregnancy complications, gestational diabetes

Boolean Operators

OR = More results
Combine **Synonyms**

AND = Specific
Combine different **Concepts**



Concept 1
retinopathy
OR
retinal diseases
OR
retina

AND

Concept 2
diabetes
OR
glycemic control
OR
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OR
Hyperglycemia
OR
glucose intolerance
OR
HbA1c

AND

Concept 3
pregnancy
OR
pregnant
OR
gestation
OR
obstetric
OR
pregnancy complications
OR
gestational diabetes

(retinopathy OR "retinal diseases" OR retina) AND (diabetes OR "glycemic control" OR "blood glucose" OR hyperglycemia OR "glucose intolerance" OR HbA1c) AND (pregnancy OR pregnant OR gestation OR obstetric OR "pregnancy complications" OR "gestational diabetes")

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Intertropy OR "retinal disease" OR vitreol AND diabetes OR "glycemic control" OR "blood glucose" OR "hyperglycemia OR "glucose intolerance" OR HbA1c AND (pregnancy OR pregnant OR gestation OR obstetric OR "pregnancy complications" OR "gestational diabetes")

Review the results for additional terminology

Diagnosis of pre-eclampsia in women with **diabetic** kidney disease...
Diabetic retinopathy (DR) is one of the most common causes of vision loss in middle-aged, working-age people. Individuals with **hyperglycemia**, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, obesity, and cigarette smoking are more susceptible factors for the development of **diabetic** retinopathy.

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Another way: Use Advanced Search to combine your searches

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Add terms to the query box

Query box

History and Search Details

Search	Actions	Details	Query	Results	Time
#3	Search pregnancy OR pregnant OR gestation OR obstetric OR "pregnancy complications" OR "gestational diabetes" Sort by: Most Recent	1,343,301	12:46:40
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Showing 1 to 3 of 3 entries

PubMed Advanced Search Builder

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History and Search Details

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#2	***	3	Search: diabetes OR "glycemic control" OR "blood glucose" OR hyperglycemia OR "glucose intolerance" OR HbA1c Sort by: Most Recent	871,900	19:20:56
#1	***	3	Search: retinopathy OR "retinal diseases" OR retina Sort by: Most Recent	273,214	19:20:35

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Search: (diabetes OR "glycemic control" OR "blood glucose" OR hyperglycemia OR ...) Search

Sort by: Most recent

1 Diagnosis of preeclampsia in women with diabetes...
 2 Novel glycoproteins identify preclinical atherosclerosis among women with previous preeclampsia regardless of type 1 diabetes status...
 3 Epigenetic Mechanisms in Type 2 Diabetes Retinopathy: A Systematic Review...

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Search: (diabetes OR "glycemic control" OR "blood glucose" OR hyperglycemia OR ...) Search

Sort by: Most recent

1 From Pre-Diabetes to Diabetes: Diagnosis, Treatments and Translational Research...
 2 ACOG Practice Bulletin No. 201: Pregestational Diabetes Mellitus...
 3 Maternal complications in pregnancy with diabetes...
 4 Worsening of diabetic retinopathy with rapid improvement in systemic glucose control: A review...

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Diabetic retinopathy is a leading cause of blindness in women during their childbearing years, and pregnancy increases the short-term risk of diabetic retinopathy progression. We reviewed the risk factors for progression of diabetic re...

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- Middle Aged - Aged 65+ years
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- Subtitle: K. Agarwal
- DOI: 10.1007/978-94-007-1031-7
- PMID: 21923191
- Material complications of diabetes in pregnancy include metabolic complications such as pre-eclampsia, gestational diabetes, and preterm delivery. Current operative diabetes and increased placental morbidity. These can be managed with optimal glycaemic control.
- Worsening of diabetic retinopathy with rapid improvement in systemic glucose control: a review
- Subtitle: S. Srinivasulu, M. A. Reddy, M. S. Prasad
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- Worsening of diabetic retinopathy (DR) is associated with the initiation of effective treatment of glycaemia in some patients with diabetes. A link has been associated with risk factors such as poor blood glucose control and hypertension, and...
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- Ophthalmic associations in pregnancy
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- DOI: 10.1007/978-94-007-1031-7
- PMID: 21923191
- BACKGROUND: A range of ocular pathology exists during pregnancy. Unlike pre-existing eye conditions,

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diabetes OR "glycemic control" OR "blood glucose" OR hyperglycemia OR

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From The Diabetes to Diabetes: Diagnosis, Treatments and Translational Research

1. Research

Khan MM, Chu ZH, Xu X, Tang Y, Gao Z, Zhao Y

Medicine (Baltimore). 2017 Aug 23;96(16):doi: 10.1097/MD.0000000000001430

PMID: 27435028

Diabetes can be classified into three types, namely type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) and gestational diabetes. A glucometer is commonly used by diabetic patients to measure blood glucose levels with...

Diabetic retinopathy in pregnancy: a review

Mounisa S, Reddy MS, Prasad MS

DOI: 10.1007/978-94-007-1031-7

PMID: 21923191

Diabetic retinopathy is a leading cause of blindness in women during their childbearing years and pregnancy increases the short-term risk of diabetic retinopathy progression. We examine the risk factors for progression of diabetic ret...

Prevalence of diabetic retinopathy in the United States, 2005-2008

Zhang X, Saikow JB, Chou CY, Cash MS, Cheng Y, Gale LS, Gray DR, Alkhatib AI, Khan BE, Klein BJ

JAMA. 2012 Aug 14;308(18):doi: 10.1001/jama.2012.11111

PMID: 22888004

CONTEXT: The prevalence of diabetes in the United States has increased. People with diabetes are at risk for diabetic retinopathy. MAIN RESULTS: Diabetic retinopathy and vision...

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- Books and Documents
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Review of the management of sight-threatening diabetic retinopathy during pregnancy

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Abstract

Diabetes mellitus (DM) is a noncommunicable disease reaching epidemic proportions around the world. It affects younger individuals, including women of childbearing age. Diabetes can cause diabetic retinopathy (DR), which is potentially sight-threatening when severe nonproliferative DR (NPDR), proliferative DR (PDR), or sight-threatening diabetic macular oedema (STDM) develops. Pregnancy is an independent risk factor for the progression of DR. Available DR of the onset of pregnancy is an important indicator of progression, with up to 10% of women with baseline NPDR progressing to PDR. Progression to sight-threatening DR (STDR) during pregnancy causes distress to the patient and often necessitates ocular treatment, which may have a systemic effect. Management includes pregnancy counselling and, where possible, conventional treatment prior to pregnancy. During pregnancy, closer follow-up is required for those with a long duration of DM, poor haemoglobin control of blood sugar and blood pressure, and worse DR, as these are risk factors for progression to STDR. Conventional treatment with anti-vascular endothelial growth factor agents for STDR can potentially lead to fetal loss. Treatment with laser photocoagulation may be preferred, and surgery under general anaesthesia should be avoided. This review provides a management plan for STDR from the perspective of practising ophthalmologists. A review of strategies for maintaining the sight of diabetic women with STDR with emphasis on pregnancy counselling and planning monitoring and safe treatment during pregnancy, and management of complications is presented.

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Questions?



Thank you!
Merci!

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