

## Selected free online resources for Rehabilitation Medicine Practitioners

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### Clinical answers

E-medicine <http://www.emedicine.com/pmr/topiclist.htm>  
Full text articles on physical medicine and rehabilitation (select: Specialties)

### Systematic reviews, randomized clinical trials, clinical practice guidelines

PEDro : The Physiotherapy Evidence Database [www.pedro.fhs.usyd.edu.au/index.html](http://www.pedro.fhs.usyd.edu.au/index.html)  
Randomized controlled trials, systematic reviews and evidence-based clinical practice guidelines. References with abstracts.

OTSeeker : Occupational Therapy Systematic Evaluation of Evidence <http://www.otseeker.com/>  
Systematic reviews and randomized controlled trials in occupational therapy, rated for validity. References with abstracts.

Cochrane Systematic Reviews: Abstracts [www.cochrane.org/reviews/index.htm](http://www.cochrane.org/reviews/index.htm)  
Wide range of medical topics : pay-per-view access for full text. Free access to full text for members of Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.

DARE (Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects) <http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd/> [Click on Databases] Systematic reviews in the health sciences : references with abstracts.

AARP Ageline <http://www.aarp.org/research/ageline/features.html>  
Multidisciplinary database of materials relevant to the population aged 50+.

Evidence Database for Social Care of the Aged <http://socialworkleadership.org/nsw/cap/ebp.php>  
References with abstracts : evidence type, data type, practice settings, population etc

EffectivOlderPeopleCare <http://www.effectiveolderpeoplecare.org/>  
Current best evidence from systematic reviews on the care of older people

PsycBITE Psychological Database for Brain Impairment Treatment Efficacy  
<http://www.psycbite.com/>  
Systematic reviews, clinical trials etc containing empirical data on treatments for acquired brain impairment, rated for validity and quality.

StrokEngine <http://www.medicine.mcgill.ca/strokengine/index-en.html>  
Current information on stroke rehabilitation and interventions

StrokEngine Assess <http://www.medicine.mcgill.ca/strokengine-assess/>  
Assessment instruments for stroke

## **Web portals**

Australian Institute of Family Studies <http://www.aifs.gov.au/index.html>

Centre for Families, Work and Well-being (University of Guelph) <http://www.uoguelph.ca/cfww/>

CCOHS: Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety <http://www.ccohs.ca/>

Ergonomics Society <http://www.ergonomics.org.uk/page.php?s=17&p=87>

Google Directory : Data on fabric and textile properties

[http://www.google.com/Top/Business/Textiles\\_and\\_Nonwovens/Textiles/Fabrics/Technical\\_Textiles/Protection\\_and\\_Reinforcement/Multiple\\_Applications/North\\_America/](http://www.google.com/Top/Business/Textiles_and_Nonwovens/Textiles/Fabrics/Technical_Textiles/Protection_and_Reinforcement/Multiple_Applications/North_America/)

SLP 'Start Page' Speech Language Pathology [http://members.tripod.com/Caroline\\_Bowen/slp-eureka.htm](http://members.tripod.com/Caroline_Bowen/slp-eureka.htm)

## **Devices, equipment and technologies**

HTA: Health Technology Assessment [www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd/](http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd/) [click on: Databases]  
Systematic reviews, clinical trials and reports on assessment of devices, equipment and procedures, including quality of life. References with critiques

NHS EED : National Health Service Economic Evaluation Database  
Cost-effectiveness of drugs, treatments and procedures. References with critiques

## **Articles in biomedical journals**

PubMed [www.pubmed.gov](http://www.pubmed.gov)  
5000+ biomedical journals indexed by the National Library of Medicine (U.S.)  
Many Open Access journals (free, full text) : some full text : some pay per view

TRIP : Turning Research Into Practice <http://www.tripdatabase.com/index.html>  
Fast searching for high quality clinical evidence for clinical practice : much full text

TRIP Answers <http://www.tripanswers.org/default.aspx>  
Fast answers to clinical questions

**British Journal of Occupational Therapy** : free access to online version for members of Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists

## **Public health topics (Canada)**

Health-Evidence.ca [www.health-evidence.ca](http://www.health-evidence.ca)  
Evidence-based studies on public health topics : some full text : rated for quality

## **Evidence-based practice: easy to read**

Bandolier : Learning Zone [www.jr2.ox.ac.uk/bandolier](http://www.jr2.ox.ac.uk/bandolier)

Evidence in Practice : Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists  
<http://www.caot.ca/default.asp?pageid=2076>

## **Consumer health materials (plain English)**

MedlinePlus [www.medlineplus.gov](http://www.medlineplus.gov)

Information from professional organizations and institutions, selected by the U.S. National Institutes of Health and National Library of Medicine. Full text. Videos.

## **Finding full text journal articles : try these**

- CISTI Source <http://source.cisti-icist.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/>  
An article supply service with free registration and a charge per article from the Canadian Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, Ottawa.
- Your health region library service, if you are employed there
- In Alberta, TAL Online (The Alberta Library) <http://www.talonline.ca/>
- Your public library interlibrary loan service (there may be a charge)
- OTDbase for sources for full text. <http://otdbase.org/> (subscription required)
- Google [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) Search for the journal : many publishers provide pay-per-view access to single articles. Open Access journals are available full text (some may only provide articles over 6 months old or 12 months old)

## **Borrowing books from almost any Alberta library**

- If you have a library card from your local public library or post-secondary institution, you can ask for a free TAL card (The Alberta Library card)
- Use this card at most libraries in Alberta to borrow and return up to 10 books. Full details at: <http://www.thealbertalibrary.ab.ca/contact/?id=30>

## **Talk to your colleagues: web portals and listservs for questions and discussion**

- Evidence-Based Occupational Therapy [www.otevidence.info](http://www.otevidence.info)
- Physiotherapy Listserv [physio@jiscmail.ac.uk](mailto:physio@jiscmail.ac.uk)
- SLP 'Start Page' Speech Language Pathology  
[http://members.tripod.com/Caroline\\_Bowen/slp-eureka.htm](http://members.tripod.com/Caroline_Bowen/slp-eureka.htm)

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