The Little Library Book of Nursing Revalidation
Welcome to the Little Library Book of Nursing Revalidation

Here you will find suggestions for books, websites, and other resources which offer information on professional revalidation for nursing, and tips on how to search for relevant evidence.

If you’d like help using any of the resources listed, if you’d like to know about other available Revalidation resources, or you need help with finding information for your work or studies, please contact your local East of England Health Libraries service.

Contact details for each library are here:

http://www.eel.nhs.uk/

The University of Cambridge Medical Library can be contacted in the following ways:

Phone: 01223 336750
Email: library@medschl.cam.ac.uk
Training email (to book training): librarytraining@medschl.cam.ac.uk
Twitter: @cam_med_lib

More information can be found at the library website:

http://library.medschl.cam.ac.uk/
How to Find Evidence to Support Revalidation

Where could you look for evidence?

Colleagues.
Reference Lists.
Cochrane Library.
PubMed / Medline.
PsychInfo.
Cinahl.
BNI.
AMED.
Social Care Online.
TRIP Database.
Google Scholar.

The Medical Library has links to lots of relevant and useful databases here: http://library.medschl.cam.ac.uk/research-support/databases/

What type of evidence could you search for?

Background.
Case studies.
Clinical trials.
Conference papers.
Continuing Professional Development.
Drug information.
Expert opinion.
Guidelines.
Longitudinal studies.
Qualitative or Quantitative.
Research papers.
Review papers.
Specific country, setting or timeframe.
Systematic reviews.
Supplier information.
Websites.
How do you convert your question into a search?

Identify key concepts using search tools such as PICO : Problem/Patient/Population, Intervention, Comparison, Outcome.
Identify all the keywords, phrases and terminology relevant for each concept.
Use subject headings such as MeSH.
Look at broader, narrower and related concepts.
Consider alternative spellings and truncated words.

How do you search?

Search more than one resource.
Use a mix of keyword searches and formal subject headings.
Use truncation and wildcards.
Carry out separate searches for each of your key concepts first.
Mix and match your search results.
Limit your search results by year, language, age range etc.
Explode versus focus.
Use citation searches to track who has quoted a particular paper.
Save your search records and search history.
Use email alerts and personalisation services to keep up-to-date on a topic.

Why review the existing evidence?

Find the latest knowledge and thinking on your question.
Identify if someone else has already asked the same question(s).
How well did they conduct their research?
Are their findings relevant or useful to you in answering your question?
Is their research methodology appropriate for your question?
Does the information help you to identify additional questions you should consider?

The Medical Library is here to help

‘Teach Yourself” guides to search databases:  
http://library.medschl.cam.ac.uk/research-support/teach-yourself-guides/

Training sessions in the library:  
http://library.medschl.cam.ac.uk/research-support/group-training/

Contact us via email to discuss training and support we can offer:  
librarytraining@medschl.cam.ac.uk
How Do You Check if the Evidence is Good?

Use tools such as CASP checklists, to evaluate the quality of the evidence you find:

**CASP : Critical Appraisal Skills Programme**
www.casp-uk.net/#!checklists/cb36

**How to Read a Paper (BMJ series)**
www.bmj.com/about-bmj/resources-readers/publications/how-read-paper

Also available as a physical book: WB 18. 634
http://tinyurl.com/gwqn7ba

**Books:**


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Medical Library website

library.medschl.cam.ac.uk

The website provides you with access to specialist databases such as Medline, BNI, Cinahl, e-journals, and information about training courses offered by the library.

The East of England Libraries website is also full of useful information and resources.

http://www.eel.nhs.uk/

Books for Revalidation available from the library

A selection of Revalidation-related titles held by the Medical Library.

Check the library’s online catalogue for details of other books available:

search.lib.cam.ac.uk

Baille, Lesley (2014). Professional values in nursing
WY 86.73; http://tinyurl.com/ze3pkpk
Connor, Mary (2012). Coaching and mentoring at work : developing effective practice
HF5549.54; http://tinyurl.com/jcn9lnz
WY 18.99; http://tinyurl.com/hp7fc3e
Davis, Nicola (2011). Learning skills for nursing students
W 87.19; http://tinyurl.com/zy5s6zh
Ghaye, Tony (2005) Developing the reflective healthcare team
W 84.251; http://tinyurl.com/he8ctsh
LB 1715.1; http://tinyurl.com/haka4p7
WY 87.35; http://tinyurl.com/hhumpug
Ghaye, Tony (2011). When caring is not enough : examples of reflection in practice
W 84.352; http://tinyurl.com/zs7342v
Hindmarsh, David (2012). Professional development for appraisal and revalidation
Jasper, Melanie (2013) Beginning reflective practice

Jasper, Melanie (2013). Professional development, reflection and decision-making in nursing and healthcare


McKendry, Stephanie (2015). Critical thinking skills for healthcare

Oelofsen, Natius (2012). Developing reflective practice: a guide for students and practitioners of health & social care


Scaife, Joyce (2010). Supervising the reflective practitioner: an essential guide to theory and practice

Schon, Donald (1990) Educating the reflective practitioner

Taylor, Beverley (2010). Reflective practice for healthcare professionals

Timmins, Fiona (2008.) Making sense of portfolios

Timmins, Fiona (2011). Writing your nursing portfolio


Westwood, Olwyn (2013) How to assess students and trainees in medicine and health
Journals

Many journals are available to you electronically via the East of England Health Libraries website. This is an A-Z list to all journals you can access:


You will need an Athens account to access the full text.

Useful article:


Don’t forget: to find articles on a topic, you can also search Royal Marsden Manual, Cochrane Library, Medline, CINAHL, BNI, etc. via your Athens account. Contact your library for further information.
Keep up to date with the latest health news and find out how accurate the headlines really are

**Behind the Headlines**
www.nhs.uk/News/Pages/NewsIndex.aspx

**Evidently Cochrane**
http://www.evidentlycochrane.net/

**Patient.co.uk**
http://patient.info/education

**Social Care Online**
www.scie-socialcareonline.org.uk/

Use Evidence Search to look for research on revalidation or other topics:

**NICE Evidence**
https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/
Apps and E-Learning Resources for Revalidation

BBC Webwise www.bbc.co.uk/webwise

Cochrane Learning www.wileyhealthlearning.com/cochrane.aspx

Cochrane Journal Club www.cochranejournalclub.com/

Dignity in Care http://tinyurl.com/h5wcm4

E-Learning for Healthcare www.e-lfh.org.uk

FutureLearn https://www.futurelearn.com

Health Education England https://hee.nhs.uk


NICE Guidelines app www.nice.org.uk

Open University Open Learn www.open.edu/openlearn/
Key Documents for Revalidation

**NMC : The Code : Professional standards of practice and behaviour for nurses and midwives**  
http://tinyurl.com/k5mlard

**NMC : Revalidation Workshop** (completed templates and forms)  
http://tinyurl.com/ph9r6en

**RCN : NMC Revalidation : next steps : an update from the RCN on NMC revalidation plus FAQs**  
http://tinyurl.com/z2leddc

Useful Websites to Support Revalidation

**Chief Nursing Officer England Bulletin**  
https://www.england.nhs.uk/category/publications/cno-bulletin/

**Clinical Trials Toolkit** (NIHR)  
www.ct-toolkit.ac.uk/

**Health and Care Professions Council**  
www.hpc-uk.org/

**NHS Employers Revalidation Resources**  
http://tinyurl.com/j3kxvaz

**NMC Revalidation resource from the RCN**  
https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/revalidation
Nursing & Midwifery Council [www.nmc.org.uk/standards/revalidation](http://www.nmc.org.uk/standards/revalidation)

Patient.co.uk mobile apps [www.patient.co.uk/mobile](http://www.patient.co.uk/mobile)

Royal College of Midwives [www.rcm.org.uk/watch-our-revalidation-video](http://www.rcm.org.uk/watch-our-revalidation-video)

Royal College of Nursing [http://rcni.com/workplace/revalidation](http://rcni.com/workplace/revalidation)

Royal College of Nursing Learning Zone [http://tinyurl.com/gnkzgyv](http://tinyurl.com/gnkzgyv)


@WeCommunities [www.wecommunities.org](http://www.wecommunities.org)

@WeNurses on Twitter [https://twitter.com/WeNurses](https://twitter.com/WeNurses) Hosts regular livechats on subjects related to nursing, including revalidation.

Youtube [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) : search for nursing revalidation or midwifery revalidation

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