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1. Simple search box	2. Browse through topic headings		
Search title, abstract, keyword Advanced Search Manager MeSH	Cochrane Library Trusted evidence. Informed decisions. Better health.		
3. Click on Advanced Search	Cochrane Reviews • Trials •	✓ More Resources ▼	
This will open a new screen with four tabs allowing you to choose different methods of searching (Search, Search Manager, MeSH, Browse).	Browse by Topic Browse the Cochrane Database of Systematic Rev Blood disorders Cancer Child health Complementary & alternative medicine Consumer & communication strategies Dentistry & oral health	ws by Topic Infectious disease Kidney disease Lungs & airways Mental health Methodology Neonatal care	
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As an alternative to searching for everything in one go you can add each component to the Search Manager and combine your searches using Boolean operators (AND, OR or NOT)

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Registration onto the Cochrane Library Website allows you to save Search histories for later use and to set e-mail alerts.

MeSH Use the Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) thesaurus tab for comprehensive searching of medical concepts. It also includes an auto-suggest feature.

You can then add your search to the Search Manager.

Search hints

- Truncate your search term using an asterisk (*) after the stem of your word. This will search for all the terms that begin with that stem: e.g. injury, injuries, injured etc.
- When combining using AND or OR use the numbers of the searches you wish to combine, preceded by the hash symbol, e.g. #3 AND #4.
- To search for a phrase it must be enclosed within double quotes. For example use "vitamin a", otherwise it will search for 'vitamin' AND 'a' because 'a' is a searchable term.
- The Search tips link, available both in the Search and the Search Manager modality, provides information on the most commonly used features.

Cochrane Reviews are freely available full text. In addition abstracts of other resources are available from the home page:

- The Trials tab allows you to limit your search to the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials
- The More Resources tab gives links to the following
 - Other reviews (DARE)
 - Methods Studies
 - Technology Assessments
 - Economic Evaluations



Further assistance

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