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- BNF
- Clinical Knowledge Summaries
- SIGN
- The Cochrane Library
- The Royal Colleges
- Social Care Online
- Gov.uk

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## About

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- combines evidence on health, drugs and technologies, public health, social care, and healthcare management and commissioning in one place
- brings together high quality consolidated and synthesised evidence from hundreds of trusted sources
- includes guidance, systematic reviews, evidence summaries and patient information
- freely available, without needing to log in
- content is refreshed regularly and up to date
- full text of the search results can be freely obtained in most cases
- offers filters to manage search results, allowing access to relevant information more quickly

## How to Search: Tips

- Use 1 or more words.
- Use **'OR'** not **'AND'**.
- **Exact phrase:** Use inverted commas to search an exact phrase. For example, "**Needle and syringe programmes**" will only return documents containing that exact phrase.
- **Wildcard:** To include a wider range of forms of a word, use the 'wildcard' symbol \* For example: searching on **clinic\*** will return documents including the words clinician, clinical, clinic.
- **Acronyms:** Acronyms are automatically searched. For example: if you type **COPD** the search engine will also automatically search for 'chronic obstructive pulmonary disease'.
- **Spelling:** Alternative spellings are automatically searched. For example: 'paediatric' and 'pediatric'.
- **Plurals:** Plurals are automatically searched. If you search for **pregnancy**, it will automatically find pregnancies as well.
- **Results:** Results can be listed by Relevance or Date.
- **Title:** Links to original source.
- **Filter:** by evidence type, areas of interest, accredited, sources, medicine names, date.
- **Share:** your results on Facebook, Twitter or email.
- **Download your results:** Use the 'download' link at the top of the search results page to download a subset of your results as a RIS or CSV file.