

Introduction to Searching with EBSCO



A Keyll Darree Library Guide

What is EBSCO?

EBSCO is a research platform, or, more simply, a way to search different databases in one go.

With Keyll Darree Library you can use it to access CINAHL (nursing and allied health database), MEDLINE (medical information), Psychology and Behavioural Sciences Collection (mental health), Health Business Elite (non-clinical admin and hospital management), Biomedical Reference Collection (for doctors, research scientists, students, clinical specialists, and managers), and Teacher Reference Centre (resources for professional educators).

Can everyone access it?

No, only people with an Athens login are able to use this resource. Athens logins allow users to access to online journals, books, and other resources, and are available to DHSC employees and affiliated partners who are members of Keyll Darree Library.

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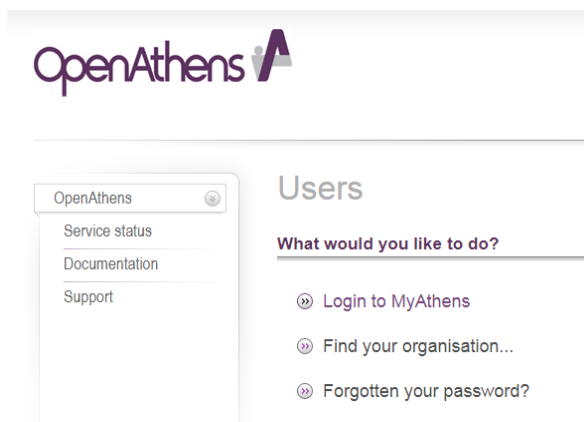
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Logging In

To access EBSCO first [log in](#) to your Keyll Darree Athens account.



You can also log in [via NICE](#)

NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Login

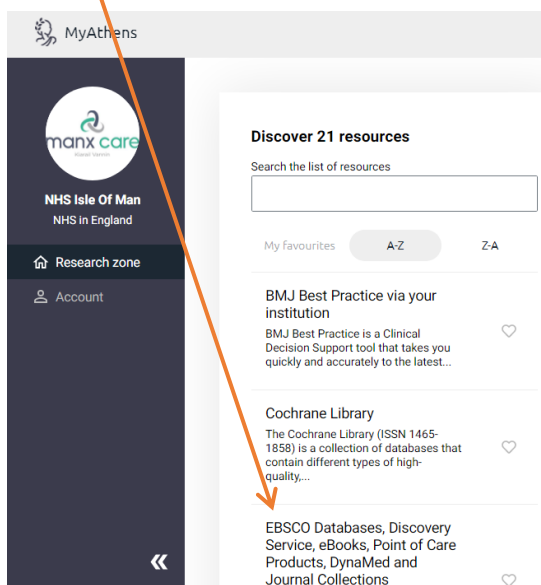
Email Address / Username

Password

Login

Forgot Password?

If you used the first link you will see your Athens home page, which contains a resource list. Click on EBSCO.



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If you used the second link you will be on your Athens account page, click “My resources” and then EBSCO.

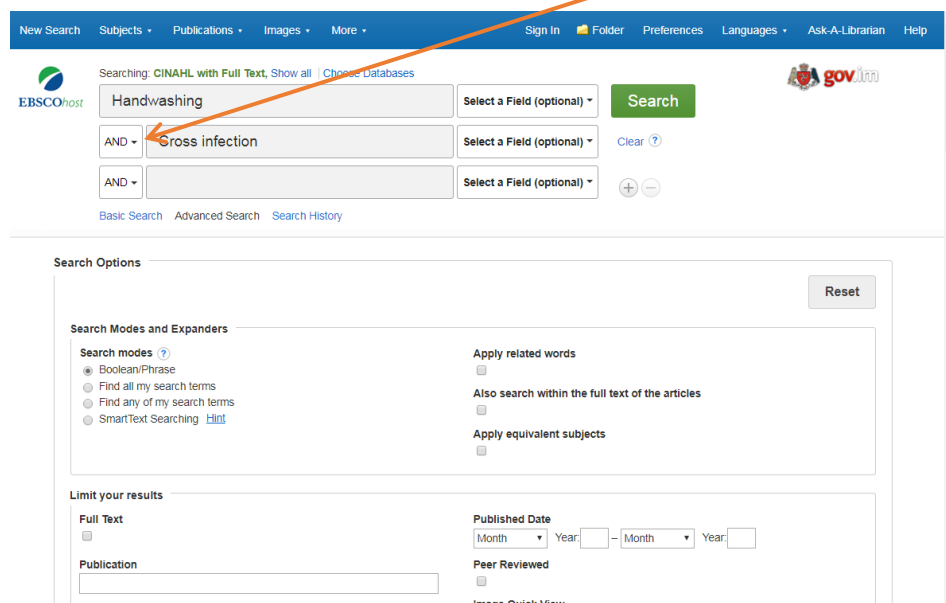
Both options will take you to the database selection page – choose those most relevant to your area of research by clicking the square box next to them then click yellow “continue” button which is at the top and the bottom of the list.

Tip: Select as many as you want! If there are no results for your search on the database then it won't impact your search, but if you cast your net wider than usual you might be surprised by the results.

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Basic Searches

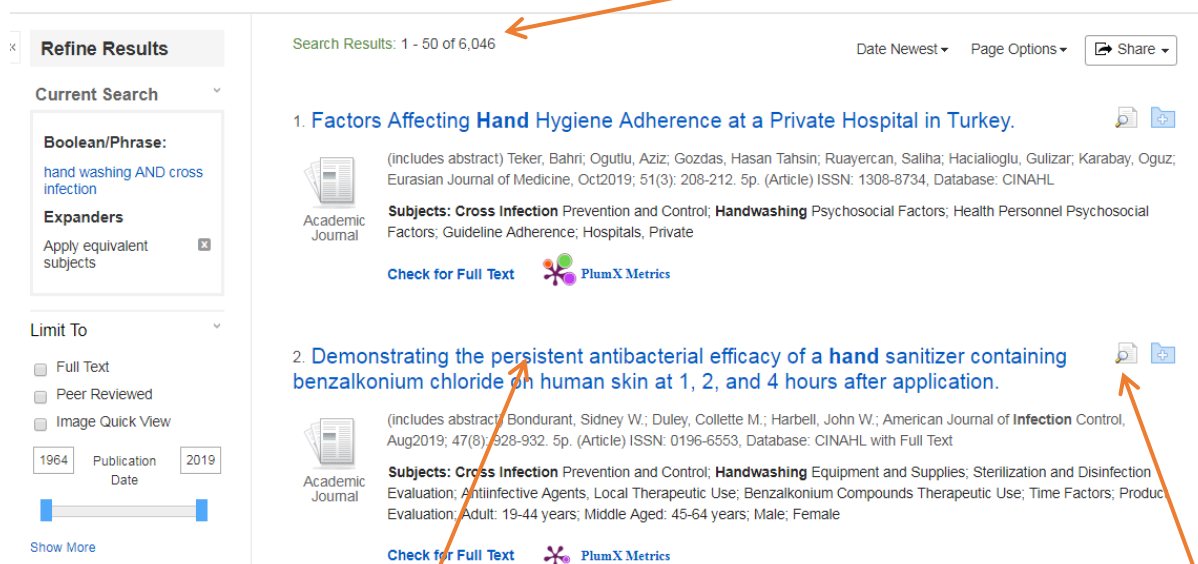
Enter your search terms in the search boxes – Boolean is built in on Ebsco, so you can add in words as “AND” terms automatically, or choose to switch them to “OR” or “NOT” (Never used Boolean before? Check out this [visual explanation](#))



The screenshot shows the Ebsco search interface. At the top, there are navigation links: New Search, Subjects, Publications, Images, More, Sign In, Folder, Preferences, Languages, Ask-A-Librarian, and Help. The search bar contains the text "Handwashing" and "Cross infection" with "AND" operators. Below the search bar, there are search options including "Search Modes and Expanders" (Boolean/Phrase, Find all my search terms, Find any of my search terms, SmartText Searching) and "Limit your results" (Full Text, Publication, Published Date, Peer Reviewed, Image Quick View).

Tip: natural language searching is fine, but you don't need to include connecting words – pick out the key bits of your query, don't paste in an entire question. (Try “hand washing hospital cross infection” instead of “does hand washing help to limit staff transmitted infections in the hospital?”)

When you run the search you'll be able to see how many results you've received.



The screenshot shows the search results page. On the left, there is a "Refine Results" sidebar with "Current Search" (Boolean/Phrase: hand washing AND cross infection) and "Limit To" (Full Text, Peer Reviewed, Image Quick View, 1964-2019). The main results area shows "Search Results: 1 - 50 of 6,046". Two results are listed:

- 1. Factors Affecting Hand Hygiene Adherence at a Private Hospital in Turkey.** (includes abstract) Teker, Bahri; Oguflu, Aziz; Gozdas, Hasan Tahsin; Ruayercan, Salha; Hacialioglu, Gulizar; Karabay, Oguz; Eurasian Journal of Medicine, Oct2019; 51(3): 208-212. 5p. (Article) ISSN: 1308-8734, Database: CINAHL
Subjects: Cross Infection Prevention and Control; Handwashing Psychosocial Factors; Health Personnel Psychosocial Factors; Guideline Adherence; Hospitals, Private
[Check for Full Text](#) [PlumX Metrics](#)
- 2. Demonstrating the persistent antibacterial efficacy of a hand sanitizer containing benzalkonium chloride on human skin at 1, 2, and 4 hours after application.** (includes abstract) Bondurant, Sidney W.; Duley, Collette M.; Harbell, John W.; American Journal of Infection Control, Aug2019; 47(8): 928-932. 5p. (Article) ISSN: 0196-6553, Database: CINAHL with Full Text
Subjects: Cross Infection Prevention and Control; Handwashing Equipment and Supplies; Sterilization and Disinfection Evaluation; Antimicrobial Agents, Local Therapeutic Use; Benzalkonium Compounds Therapeutic Use; Time Factors; Product Evaluation; Adult: 19-44 years; Middle Aged: 45-64 years; Male; Female
[Check for Full Text](#) [PlumX Metrics](#)

Each result will have a clickable title which will take you to the abstract so you can read more about the paper.

Tip: Hover over the paper and magnifying class icon to see a short abstract without leaving the results page.

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Refining your Results

On the left hand side of the page there are a series of limiters you can use to refine your results

Limit To

- Full Text
- Peer Reviewed
- Image Quick View

1966 Publication Date 2019

Show More

Source Types >

Subject: Major Heading >

Subject >

Publication >

Publisher >

Language >

Age >

Gender >

Geography >

Database

- All Databases
- MEDLINE (467)
- MEDLINE Complete (466)
- CINAHL with Full Text (217)

Check for Full Text

2. **Aseptic Technique (ANTT®) Tutorial.**

Periodical

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal. Jul-Sep2019, Vol. 26 Issue 7, p24-26. 3p. , Database: Biomedical Reference Collection: Comprehensive

Subjects: EDUCATION of physicians; **CROSS infection** prevention; ASEPSIS & antiseptics; BACTERIA; DRUG resistance in microorganisms; **HAND washing**; STERILIZATION (Disinfection); OPERATIVE surgery; WOUNDS & injuries; JOB performance; MEDICAL equipment contamination

PDF Full Text (278KB)

3. **Are Visitors Dangerous Carriers of Pathogens in The Hospital? an Observational Study in an University Hospital in Sicily.**

Academic Journal

By: Ragusa, Rosalia; Giorgianni, Gabriele; Faro, Giuseppina; Lazzara, Antonio; Bellia, Maria Alessandra; Marranzano, Marina. Hospital Topics. Jul-Sep2019, Vol. 97 Issue 3, p80-86. 7p. 2 Color Photographs, 3 Charts. DOI: 10.1080/00185868.2019.1616511. , Database: Biomedical Reference Collection: Comprehensive

Subjects: ITALY; ACADEMIC medical centers; BACTERIAL growth; PREVENTION of communicable diseases; **CROSS infection**; **HAND washing**; HEALTH facilities; MICROBIAL contamination; MICROBIOLOGICAL techniques; PUBLIC spaces; VISITING the sick; SAMPLE size (Statistics); DATA analysis; STATISTICAL significance; DESCRIPTIVE statistics

Check for Full Text

4. **IP PRODUCT SPOTLIGHTS.**

Healthcare Purchasing News. Jun2019, Vol. 43 Issue 6, p46-65. 11p. , Database: Health Business Elite

Subjects: **HAND washing**; STERILIZATION equipment; **CROSS infection** prevention; COMMERCIAL product evaluation; PREVENTION of communicable diseases; DATABASE industry; HYGIENE; PROTECTIVE clothing; PATIENT safety; SKIN

Tip: Don't select 'full text' automatically, you may be able to gain access elsewhere – always copy the title and check using the [Athens option via Scholar](#).

2009 Publication Date 2019

Use the date sliders, or click the box to add the date manually

Journals can also be refined by:

Source Types – journals, books, or other resources

Subject Major Heading / Subject – themes which are identified in the article

Publication / Publisher – a specific journal or publisher

Database

- All Databases
- CINAHL with Full Text (2,732)
- CINAHL (2,729)
- MEDLINE (529)
- MEDLINE Complete (528)
- Biomedical Reference Collection: Comprehensive (104)

You can also select results from specific databases.

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Your search will be recorded EBSCO and each time you refine with a limiter it will be logged in your search history.

Search History/Alerts

[Print Search History](#) [Retrieve Searches](#) [Retrieve Alerts](#) [Save Searches / Alerts](#)

<input type="checkbox"/> Select / deselect all	Search with AND	Search with OR	Delete Searches	Refresh Search Results
Search ID#	Search Terms	Search Options	Actions	
<input type="checkbox"/> S4	hand washing AND cross infection	Limiters - Published Date: 20090101-20191231 Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Narrow by SubjectGeographic: - uk & ireland Narrow by Language: - english Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	View Results (408)	View Details Edit
<input type="checkbox"/> S3	hand washing AND cross infection	Limiters - Published Date: 20090101-20191231 Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Narrow by Language: - english Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	View Results (2,909)	View Details Edit
<input type="checkbox"/> S2	hand washing AND cross infection	Limiters - Published Date: 20090101-20191231 Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	View Results (3,157)	View Details Edit
<input type="checkbox"/> S1	hand washing AND cross infection	Expanders - Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	View Results (6,046)	View Details Edit

Tip: Refined your search too much? Click “view results” to go back to previous results.

Adding to your Search

You can continue to add to your search without re-running it. To add a new term type it into the main search bar. Instead of pressing search, select the box next to the search you want to add the term to and then hit “Search with AND” or “Search with OR”.

EBSCOhost Searching: CINAHL with Full Text | Show all | Choose Databases

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This will add the new term to the previous search, instead of requiring you to re-run the previous search with the new addition.

Storing Useful Results

Each result has a folder icon beside it

1. [Efficacy of observational hand hygiene audit with targeted feedback on doctors' hand hygiene compliance: A retrospective time series analysis.](#)  





Academic Journal

(includes abstract) Smiddy, Maura P; Murphy, Olive M; Savage, Eileen; Fitzgerald, Anthony P; O' Sullivan, Brenda; Murphy, Catriona; Bernard, Margaret; Browne, John P; Journal of **Infection** Prevention, Jul2019; 20(4): 164-170. 7p. (Article) ISSN: 1757-1774, Database: CINAHL with Full Text

Subjects: Handwashing; Feedback; Professional Compliance Evaluation; Consultants; **Cross Infection** Prevention and Control

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2. [Hand hygiene expectations in radiography: A critical evaluation of the opportunities for and barriers to compliance.](#)  





Academic Journal

(includes abstract) Jeanes, Annette; Henderson, Fiona; Drey, Nick; Gould, Dinah; Journal of **Infection** Prevention, May2019; 20(3): 122-131. 10p. (Article) ISSN: 1757-1774, Database: CINAHL with Full Text

Subjects: Radiology Service; **Infection** Control Standards; **Handwashing**; Professional Compliance; Quality Improvement

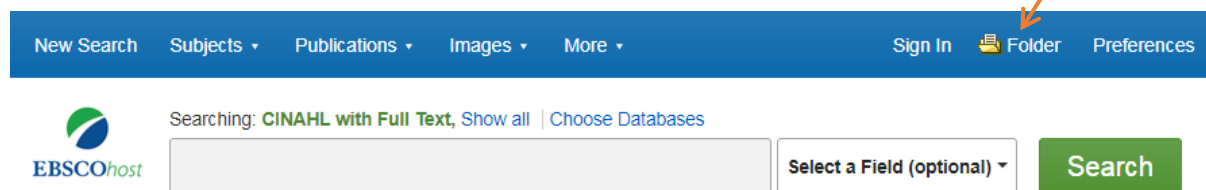
Clicking this folder will add the resource to your personal folder and turn the icon golden.

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These articles will be stored in your personal folder until you log out of EBSCO. At the end of your search, once you're happy with your results, select the Folder icon on the blue ribbon.



You can then reassess your selected resources, deleting any that are no longer relevant, and choosing how to save the ones you do want to retain.

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The screenshot displays the EBSCOhost interface for a folder of articles. On the left, a sidebar lists various content types: Articles (7), Images (0), Videos (0), Companies (0), Pages (0), eBooks (0), audioBooks (0), Notes (0), Other Content Sources (0), Persistent Links to Searches (0), Saved Searches (0), Search Alerts (0), Journal Alerts (0), and Web Pages (0). The main area is titled 'Articles' and shows '1-7 of 7' items. The first article is selected, with a checkbox and a 'Delete Items' button. The article title is '1. Efficacy of observational hand hygiene audit with targeted feedback on doctors' hand hygiene compliance: A retrospective time series analysis.' Below the title is a small icon of a journal cover labeled 'Academic Journal'. The abstract text reads: '(includes abstract) Smiddy, Maura P; Murphy, Olive M; Savage, Eileen; Fitzgerald, Anthony P; O' Sullivan, Brenda; Murphy, Catriona; Bernard, Margaret; Browne, John P; Journal of Infection Prevention, Jul2019; 20(4): 164-170. 7p. (Article) ISSN: 1757-1774, Database: CINAHL with Full Text'. The subjects are listed as: 'Subjects: Handwashing; Feedback; Professional Compliance Evaluation; Consultants; Cross Infection Prevention and Control'. A 'Check for Full Text' link is at the bottom. On the right side, there are action buttons: Print, E-mail, Save as File, and Export. An orange arrow points to the 'Export' button.

EBSCO allows references to be printed, emailed to an address of your specification, saved as a file, or exported to Refworks or other referencing software.

Thank you for taking the time to read this guide, and if you have any further questions then please get in touch with us at librarykeylldarree@gov.im or on 642993.

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