

Searching in Cochrane
Library
*Database of Systemic
Reviews*



Sarasota Memorial Health Care System Medical Library

Target Audience: Clinicians

Resource: Systemic Reviews

Basic Search

- You can begin your search by either browsing the individual databases or using the top navigation bar.

The screenshot displays the Cochrane Library website interface. At the top left is the Cochrane Library logo with the tagline "Trusted evidence. Informed decisions. Better health." To the right, there are language settings for "Review language : English" and "Website language : English", along with a "Sign In" button. Below this is a search bar with a dropdown menu showing "Title Abstract Keyword" and a search icon. A red arrow points to the search icon. Below the search bar are two buttons: "Browse" and "Advanced search". A purple navigation bar contains the following items: "Cochrane reviews" (with a dropdown arrow), "Searching for trials" (with a dropdown arrow), "Clinical Answers" (with a dropdown arrow), "About" (with a dropdown arrow), and "Help" (with a dropdown arrow). Three red arrows point upwards to the "Cochrane reviews", "Searching for trials", and "Clinical Answers" items. On the right side of the navigation bar is a dark blue button labeled "About Cochrane" with a right-pointing arrow.

Basic Search

- The upper right hand corner search bar allows you to customize your search field.
- For example, you can search terms in abstracts, title, author, Accession Number, Trial Registry number, etc.



Advanced Search

- Using Advanced Search will give you the most control over your search. Advanced Search page includes Search, Search Manager, MeSH, and PICO tabs. The search tab will suffice for most searches.

Advanced Search

Search Search manager Medical terms (MeSH) PICO search

Save search View saved searches Search help

Did you know you can now select fields from Search manager using the **S** button (next to the search box)?
Search manager lets you add unlimited search lines, view results per line and access the MeSH browser using the new **MeSH** button.

Title Abstract Keyword Type a search term

(Word variations have been searched)

+ Search limits Send to search manager Run search

Clear all

Advanced Search

- The Search tab allows you to search for terms in different fields, like Title/Abstract/Keyword search combined with an author search. Click the + to create another field search. After building your search, you can either select Search limits or click Run search.

Advanced Search

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' interface. At the top, there are four tabs: 'Search' (active), 'Search manager', 'Medical terms (MeSH)', and 'PICO search'. To the right of these tabs are three buttons: 'Save search', 'View saved searches', and 'Search help'. Below the tabs, there is a text box with the text: 'Did you know you can now select fields from Search manager using the **S** button (next to the search box)? Search manager lets you add unlimited search lines, view results per line and access the MeSH browser using the new **MeSH** button.' Below this text is a search input field with a dropdown menu on the left showing 'Title Abstract Keyword' and a text box on the right with the placeholder 'Type a search term'. Below the input field, there is a row of three buttons: 'Search limits', 'Send to search manager', and 'Run search'. To the left of the 'Run search' button is a '+' button. Below the '+' button is a 'Clear all' button. Red arrows point to the 'S' button in the text, the dropdown menu, the '+' button, the 'Search limits' button, and the 'Run search' button.

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Advanced Search – Search Limits

- Use the Search Limits to filter your results before your search.

Search limits ✕

Content type

- Cochrane Reviews
- Cochrane Protocols
- Trials
- Clinical Answers
- Editorials
- Special Collections

Content type

CENTRAL Trials only

Original publication year i

- All years
- Between and

Search word variations
(e.g. "paid" will find pay, pays, paying, payed)

Cochrane Group

Date published on the Cochrane Library i

- All dates
- The last month
- The last 3 months
- The last 6 months
- The last 9 months
- The last year
- The last 2 years
- Between and



Results

- Cochrane allows you to quickly filter results by desired result. The tabs include Cochrane Reviews (systemic reviews), Cochrane Protocols, Trials, Editorials, Special Collections, and Clinical Answers.
- Additionally, you can filter your results post search by Date, Status, Translations, and Review Type

The screenshot displays the Cochrane database search results for the query "renal aneurism". The interface includes a navigation bar at the top with tabs for "Cochrane Reviews" (10), "Cochrane Protocols" (0), "Trials" (511), "Editorials" (0), "Special Collections" (0), and "Clinical Answers" (0). The search results are filtered to show 10 Cochrane Reviews. The left sidebar provides various filters: "Date" (with "The last 6 months" selected), "Status" (4 new searches), "Available Translations" (10, including Persian), "Review Type" (10 interventions), and "Topics" (8 heart & circulation, 3 insurance medicine, 1 pain & anaesthesia). The main results list shows five items, each with a checkbox, title, authors, access status, and date. The first result is "Endovascular treatment for ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm" by Stephen Badger et al., published in May 2017. The second is "Endovascular versus conventional open surgical repair for thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms" by Sherif Sultan et al., published in April 2022. The third is "Fenestrated endovascular repair for abdominal aortic aneurysms" by Davina Daudu et al., published in May 2025. The fourth is "Thoracic stent graft versus surgery for thoracic aneurysm" by Iosief Abraha et al., published in June 2016. The fifth is "Prehabilitation exercise therapy before elective abdominal aortic aneurysm repair" by Candida Fenton et al., published in July 2021. The page also shows options to select all results, export citations, and view all previews, along with a dropdown menu for results per page (set to 25).

Access Content

- To access the full text, click on the resource title.
- Select Download PDF for a PDF.
- You can also cite the review, print, comment, share or follow.
- The HTML full text includes a contents section on the righthand side for ease of navigation.
- The page will also include a DOI link for easy sharing.

The screenshot shows the Cochrane Database of Systematic reviews interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Cochrane reviews', 'Searching for trials', 'Clinical Answers', 'About', 'Help', and 'About Cochrane'. Below this, the review title 'Endovascular treatment for ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm' is displayed, with a 'Free access' badge and a red arrow pointing to the 'Download PDF' button. The authors listed are Stephen Badger, Rachel Forster, Paul H Blair, Peter Ellis, Frank Kee, and Denis W Harkin. A red arrow points to the DOI link: <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD005261.pub4>. The 'Abstract' section is visible, with a red arrow pointing to the 'Contents' sidebar on the right. The sidebar includes links for 'Abstract', 'PICOs', 'Plain language summary', 'Authors' conclusions', 'Summary of findings', 'Background', 'Objectives', 'Methods', 'Results', 'Discussion', 'Figures and tables', and 'References'. Below the sidebar, there are sections for 'Supplementary materials' (Search strategies, Characteristics of studies, Analyses, Download data) and 'Related'.

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