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Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM) Resources

The practice of Evidence-Based Medicine is taken very seriously on this campus. We have many resources which you should be turning to first when you know, specifically, that you need an evidence-based answer to a patient care question.

Within this folder are links to the most appropriate databases for evidence-based answers (for both quick answers and extensive research), PDF handouts on how to use the resources or how to load them on your PDA, when that is available, handouts that we use when teaching about evidence-based principles and a link to an EBM refresher tutorial from Vanderbilt University.

- **[ACP PIER](#)** (this link will take you to the TTUHSC Databases list / Evidence-Based Clinical Medicine grouping. Click on the ACP Pier link to get to the database) contains current topic summaries which summarize the relevant synopses, syntheses, or studies about several aspects of a health condition. ACP Pier is available for uploading to a Palm PDA.
- **[DYNAMED](#)** provides topic summaries, links to journal articles or abstracts, evidentiary criteria and links to guidelines and patient education. Dynamed is available for uploading to a PDA.
- **[ESSENTIAL EVIDENCE +](#)** (this link will take you to the TTUHSC Databases list / Evidence-Based Clinical Medicine grouping. Click on the EE+ link to get to the database) is primarily a Family Medicine database, searchable by subject, which gives abstracts to evidence-based journal articles, Cochrane Systematic Reviews, evidence-based summaries and rules and calculators. EE+ is available for uploading to a PDA.

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- **[FIRST CONSULT](#)** (this link will take you to the TTUHSC Databases list / Evidence-Based Clinical Medicine grouping. Click on the FirstConsult link to get to the database) is a component of the MD Consult database. It provides topic summaries, links to journal articles or abstracts, evidentiary criteria, a differential diagnosis tool and links to guidelines and patient education. FirstConsult is available for uploading to a PDA.
- **[MICROMEDEX](#)** is the primary pharmacological database and is an excellent source for evidence-based answers to drug-related questions. Much of the Micromedex database is available for uploading to a PDA.
- **[OVID EBM](#)** provides access to the Cochrane collection, including the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews — one of the most important sources of highest quality evidence.
- **[PUBMED](#)**, especially CLINICAL QUERIES provides access to randomized controlled trials, meta-analyses and guidelines. The CLINICAL QUERIES subset makes it particularly easy to search for journal articles restricted to diagnosis, prognosis, etiology and therapy. The link to CLINICAL QUERIES is in the blue sidebar to the left of the PubMed page, under “PubMed Services”. A [PubMed Tutorial](#) from the National Library of Medicine is available.
- **[VANDERBILT TUTORIAL](#)** provides an excellent review of evidence-based searching skills, statistics and critical appraisal of journal articles.

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