Essential Evidence PLUS® for PDA

The entire *Essential Evidence PLUS®* database can be loaded as a PDA application for Palm OS and Pocket PC handhelds.   System requirements are:

Pocket PC:
- Recommended processor: 200 MHz or higher
- Operating system: Pocket PC 2003 or higher or Windows Mobile 5.0 with touchscreen support
- Minimum storage: 128 MB internal memory or 128 MB or larger storage card
- NOTE: You must have 80 MB or more of free storage space on your internal or external memory to perform the installation

Palm OS:
- Operating system: Palm OS 5.0 or higher, with 320x320 or better screen resolution
- Minimum storage: 2 MB or more program memory (16 MB preferred); 128 MB or more of expansion memory (any type – internal flash, SD, etc,)
- NOTE: The main program file will be installed to program memory, but the data files must be installed to an external memory card or internal expansion memory. InfoRetriever occupies 1.8 MB of program memory and 65 MB of expansion memory.

The *Essential Evidence PLUS®* database is updated three times per year.

Essential Evidence PLUS® and Windows Vista Compatibility

- **Palm OS:** The Palm Desktop software is not currently compatible with Windows Vista; therefore InfoRetriever for Palm OS cannot be installed via a Windows Vista computer at this time
- **Pocket PC:** The InfoRetriever Updater does not properly sync with InfoRetriever installed to Pocket PC devices via the Vista Mobile Device Center. Vista users should download the "Traditional Installer" for InfoRetriever for Pocket PC.
- **Windows PC**: Users of InfoRetriever for Windows PC on Windows Vista may experience some display glitches, specifically when returning to a Search Results screen from an article view.

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About Essential Evidence PLUS®
(formerly known as InfoPOEMs / InfoRetriever)

Essential Evidence PLUS was created by Family Medicine physicians to provide filtered and graded Evidence-Based Medicine to be used at the point of care.

InfoPOEM stands for Patient-Oriented Evidence that Matters. An *InfoPOEM* is a summary of a journal article which has been determined: to have important clinical impact; to measure outcomes that patients care about (symptoms, morbidity, quality of life and mortality); to have the potential to change clinical practice. Each InfoPOEM includes a clinical question, a clinical "bottom line", an assigned level of evidence and a synopsis of the research and of its clinical importance. In addition to being a searchable component of the database, a daily e-mail alert service is available; if interested, ask your librarian to sign you up for the service.

Essential Evidence PLUS ®, both the online and PDA resource, includes:
- the full collection of InfoPOEMs
- extensive abstracts from the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*
- Evidence-Based practice guideline summaries
- clinical rules and calculators
- diagnostic test calculators, history and physical exam calculators
- the full text of Griffith's 5-Minute Clinical Consult
- ICD-9 look-up tool.

Essential Evidence PLUS® can be searched through the Internet, accessed from the TTUHSC Libraries' homepage (www.ttuhsc.edu/libraries); downloaded to a Windows PC laptop; or installed as a PDA application for Palm OS and Pocket PC mobile devices. PDA system requirements and instructions for loading the software to your PDA are available on the back of this flier.
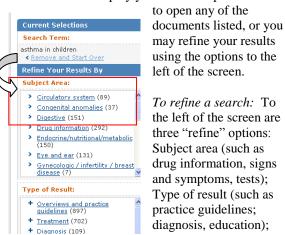
Using Essential Evidence PLUS ®

Select "Start Searching with EE+ Online" from the first screen.

Finding a Topic:
Enter a search term in the search box or you can browse by subject area or by databases & tools.

From the results display you have the option to click to open any of the documents listed, or you may refine your results using the options to the left of the screen.

To refine a search: To the left of the screen are three "refine" options: Subject area (such as drug information, signs and symptoms, tests); Type of result (such as practice guidelines; diagnosis, education); and Type of Resource (Cochrane summaries, InfoPOEMs, Evidence Summaries). To select any of the refined results, click on the appropriate blue link and the limited results will be displayed. If appropriate there may be further refinement options available for narrowing your search. If you determine that you wish to return to the previous search there is a link which allows you to "Remove" the previous search restriction.

Search Results:
Search results are displayed in "relevance" order, which means that the most pertinent results should be displayed first.

Each results link provides an article title, the section title and indicates the "Level of Evidence" (LOE). By clicking on the title link you will be taken to either an article summary, POEM or the appropriate clinical rule and calculator.

Levels of Evidence in Essential Evidence PLUS®

For a complete listing of criteria for the levels of evidence, click on the LOE box. *Essential Evidence PLUS* uses the criteria for evidence-based medicine developed by the Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine, Oxford.