

CLINICIANS HEALTH CHANNEL

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Free Access To Clinical Information

Free Clinical Information Portal For All Victorian Public Health Employees

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Working in the Victorian public health system gives you free access to a wide range of clinical information through the **Clinicians Health Channel**.

This is an online portal of evidence-based publications (Australian and international drug information, journals, articles, textbooks and research databases) for point-of-care decision making and research, all provided by the Victorian Department of Health.

The Clinicians Health Channel caters to the wide-ranging information needs of medical, nursing and pharmacy staff as well as providing vital resources for allied health professionals working in physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work, medical imaging, psychology, dietetics and many more.

Some of the valuable resources available include:

Point Of Care Resources

Best Practice, DynaMed.

Drug Information Resources

MIMS Online, Australian Medicines Handbook, Paediatric Pharmacopoeia, eTG Complete Therapeutic Guidelines, DRUGDEX & POISINDEX MICROMEDEX.

Research Databases

The Cochrane Library, Embase, MEDLINE, PsycINFO.

Full Text Journals & eBooks

CINAHL allied health & nursing index, BMJ British Medical Journal, The Lancet, JAMA & Archive Journals, STAT!Ref Dental eBooks, Journals of Clinical Nursing & Advanced Nursing, The Medical Journal of Australia (eMJA) and many more.

It's not just a collection of research material. The real strength of the Clinicians Health Channel is that it brings "mission critical" information right to the source of patient care – available on any internet enabled computer. And many of these resources are also available on mobile devices such as iPhones, iPads, Blackberry smartphones, PDAs and more.

To access all of the Clinicians Health Channel information, **[click here](#)** and register for your **free login**.

For training, support and more information about the resources provided go to **[Clinicians Health Channel - Training & Support](#)**

About The Clinicians Health Channel

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The Clinicians Health Channel (CHC) is an online information portal providing free access to current, accurate and reliable sources of information for clinicians (doctors, nurses and allied health professionals) working in the Victorian public health sector.

The website is a repository of up-to-date evidence-based information for point of care decision making, for research and ongoing education.

It has a strong clinical focus incorporating everything from best practice reviews, drug and medication databases to online electronic journal content. Resources include an electronic health library with databases and full text journals, plus links to other clinical reference materials, such as guidelines and protocols.

Clinical decisions about patient care should be based on both expertise and the best evidence available. The CHC gives clinicians the peace of mind that they have up-to-date decision-making support, 24 hours a day.

CHC Aims

The CHC is an initiative of the Victorian Department of Health and has been in operation since 2000.

It aims to:

- Provide equity of access to critical clinical knowledge bases for clinicians in the public health care sector in metropolitan, regional and rural Victoria.
- Ensure that clinical information is available whenever and wherever required through online information distribution.
- Support integration of evidence-based practice into the Victorian health care system.

Accessible From Work, Home, Anywhere

Clinicians have the freedom and convenience to use CHC resources wherever they need them, either at work, at home or when working offsite.

Using a single sign-on tool, called "Athens", clinicians can login securely and access all CHC resources with one username and password, from any computer with an Internet connection. This is especially useful when working offsite.

Additionally most hospitals and public health facilities have direct IP access onsite so you can access the Clinicians Health Channel through the hospital network without additional passwords.

Your librarian can provide you with more information about your best access options.

Resources On Mobile Devices

Many of the resources provided through the CHC are available for use on 3G mobile devices, such as PDAs, iPhone and iPad. These include the MIMS Online drug database, Australian Medicines Handbook, Micromedex®, the CINAHL® Plus with Full Text nursing and allied health database, and the DynaMed™ point of care clinical summaries.

This gives you the flexibility to use CHC resources when and where you need them, and using the tools you're comfortable with.

CHC Benefits At A Glance

- The Clinicians Health Channel is free for all Victorian public health workers.
- Journals, databases and point of care resources cover the full spectrum of needs of doctors, nurses and allied health professionals.
- Reference material is constantly updated so clinicians have the latest thinking available at their fingertips.
- Evidence-based resources give clinicians a solid scientific grounding for decision making, and help in assessing the risks and benefits of treatment and diagnostic tests.
- Resources supplied through the CHC may be used for Continuing Professional Development through self-guided learning where appropriate.

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Drug Information Resources

Australian Medicines Handbook

(+ mobile & PDA version)

An independent medicines reference tool providing concise, practical, peer-reviewed, comparative drug information for medical practitioners, pharmacists, nurses and students.

DRUGDEX® MICROMEDEX®

A comprehensive source of referenced drug information for evidence-based practice and a recognised standard for drug utilization, review and screening.

MIMS Online and Drug Alert

(+ mobile & PDA version)

The web-based version of MIMS, including full and abbreviated product information (PI), consumer medical information (CMI), product images and the DrugAlert interaction checker.

Paediatric Pharmacopoeia

Paediatric Pharmacopoeia advises prescribers, pharmacists, nurses and other health care professionals on doses for paediatric patients. It is compiled and edited by pharmacists from the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, following extensive literature consultation and paediatric specialist review.

POISINDEX® MICROMEDEX®

An evidence-based resource for quickly identifying, managing and treating toxicological exposures. It includes ingredient and toxic substance information on 350,000+ commercial products, chemicals, drugs, toxic plants and animals.

Therapeutic Guidelines (eTG Complete)

Therapeutic Guidelines are disease-oriented guidelines for prescribing and give clear, practical and succinct recommendations for therapy in an Australian context. eTG Complete includes all Therapeutic Guidelines titles integrated in a single resource.

Point Of Care Resources

Best Practice

Step-by-step decision-support information that's structured around the patient consultation, covering diagnosis, treatment, management and prevention. It includes 10,000 diagnoses, over 3,000 diagnostic tests, and 4,000 diagnostic and treatment guidelines.

DynaMed™

(+ mobile version)

An evidence-based point of care clinical reference tool with clinically-organized summaries for more than 3,200 topics. It monitors the content of over 500 medical journals and systematic evidence review databases.

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Full Text Resources

BMJ British Medical Journal

An international peer reviewed online medical journal, updated daily with the BMJ's latest original research, education, news and comment articles, as well as podcasts, videos, and blogs.

CINAHL® Plus with Full Text (+ mobile version)

The Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health, provides authoritative coverage of the literature related to nursing and allied health professions. It includes the full text for more than 770 journals and 270 books, plus legal cases, clinical innovations, critical paths, drug records, research instruments and clinical trials. There are also Evidence-Based Care Sheets and Quick Lessons available in full text.

Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine

An authoritative American textbook of internal medicine for all members of the medical profession, including internists, junior doctors and medical students.

JAMA® & Archives Journals

Published by the American Medical Association, the JAMA® & Archives Journals web sites include the full text of JAMA® and the specialty Archives Journals. JAMA® is one of the most widely circulated, peer-reviewed, general medical journals in the world.

Journal of Advanced Nursing

The "Journal of Advanced Nursing" (JAN) is an international, peer-reviewed, scientific journal, focusing on evidence-based nursing, midwifery and healthcare. It publishes contemporary research for nursing practice, education, management and policy.

Journal of Clinical Nursing

An international, peer reviewed, scientific journal of nursing and midwifery practice. It publishes papers on issues related to clinical nursing, including ambulatory care, community care, family care, home, hospital, practice, primary and secondary care and public health.

The Lancet

One of the world's best known, oldest, and most respected peer-reviewed general medical journals. It publishes original research and review articles, editorials, book reviews, correspondence, as well as news features and case reports.

The Medical Journal of Australia (eMJA)

Australia's leading peer-reviewed journal of medical practice and clinical research. It's the official journal of the Australian Medical Association, publishing editorials, original articles, case reports, and letters. The full text of every issue since January 2002 is available on their website via the CHC.

The New England Journal of Medicine

NEJM is a peer-reviewed medical journal published by the Massachusetts Medical Society. It is the most widely read, cited, and influential general medical periodical in the world, bringing physicians the best research and key information on biomedical science and clinical best practice.

STAT!Ref® Dental eBooks (+ mobile version)

STAT!Ref® online is a searchable healthcare reference that integrates core titles with evidence-based resources and innovative tools in one site. It includes full-text, top-tier dental titles from reputable authors, publishers and societies.

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Bibliographic Research Databases

The Cochrane Library

A collection of evidence-based databases, including over 4,000 Cochrane reviews exploring the evidence for and against the effectiveness and appropriateness of treatments (medications, surgery, education, etc).

Embase.com®

Embase.com® delivers comprehensive, authoritative, reliable coverage of the most relevant biomedical literature, with over 23 million indexed records and more than 7,500 current, mostly peer-reviewed journals.

MEDLINE® (Index)

(+ mobile version)

MEDLINE® is the US National Library of Medicine's premier bibliographic database of life sciences and biomedical information with over 18 million records from 5,000+ publications. It provides authoritative medical information on medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, pre-clinical sciences, biology and biochemistry.

PsycINFO®

(+ mobile version)

An abstract and citation database devoted to peer-reviewed professional and academic literature in behavioural science and mental health. Produced by the American Psychological Association its coverage is worldwide, and includes references and abstracts to over 1,300 journals.

Guidelines

NHMRC Clinical Guidelines Portal

This Clinical Practice Guidelines Portal has been developed to help Australian clinicians and policy-makers access high quality, evidence-based clinical practice guidelines, produced for Australian practice, via a single entry point. Clinical practice guidelines are systematically developed statements to assist practitioner and patient decisions about appropriate health care for specific circumstances. Over 1,500 documents have been assessed for inclusion on this Portal.

Access Management Tools

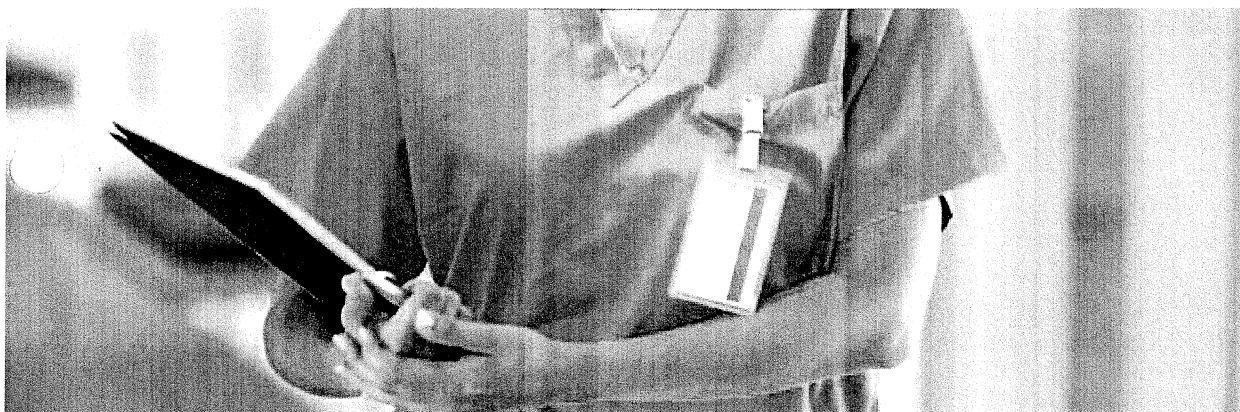
EBSCO A-to-Z® Resources List

A comprehensive and user-friendly title listing service that organises and provides links to all CHC e-resources. It includes titles in full-text databases and e-journal packages, e-journals and e-books. A-to-Z® provides you with an additional search, research and access portal for all CHC resources. It also provides a convenient search across the CINAHL® Plus with Full Text, MEDLINE® (Index), PsycINFO® and DynaMed™ research databases.

CHC Training & Support

In addition to the Clinicians Health Channel, the CHC Support Site provides users of the CHC with free online WebEx training sessions, audiovisual demonstrations, user guides, support documentation for the CHC resources, access to the HelpDesk and information about publisher updates. The CHC Support Site can be found at:

www.chcsupport.com.au





For More Information

For more information on the CHC contact your organisation's librarian or Chief Information Officer, or visit the following:

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CHC Training & Support

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CHC HelpDesk

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