



GREY MATTERS:

A PRACTICAL SEARCH TOOL FOR EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE



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Introduction

Background

The Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) provides Canada's federal, provincial, and territorial health care decision makers with credible, impartial advice and evidence-based information about the effectiveness and efficiency of drugs and other health technologies. To achieve its mandate, CADTH produces a variety of publications that range from comprehensive systematic reviews and economic evaluations to more concise bulletins and updates.

In order to search for and retrieve the evidence base required to produce CADTH reports, the Information Services team has developed a grey literature checklist. Grey literature includes reports and government information that are not published commercially and that are inaccessible via bibliographic databases. The checklist is used to:

- ensure the retrieval of all relevant health technology assessment (HTA), government, and evidence-based agency reports that may not be indexed in bibliographic databases such as MEDLINE
- help document the grey literature search process, thereby increasing transparency and the potential for reproducibility
- ensure that grey literature searching is done in a standardized and comprehensive way.

Description

This checklist includes national and international HTA web sites, drug and device regulatory agencies, clinical trial registries, health economics resources, Canadian health prevalence or incidence databases, and drug formulary web sites.

Organized by topic, the checklist includes tips on navigating the web sites. Although the web sites are assigned to only one category, in many cases an individual web site may have relevancy in additional categories. The checklist does not supply background information on the agencies. If available, however, the name of the web site is a hyperlink to a brief description of the agency.

This checklist is meant to be used to document all aspects of the search process. This includes the documentation of all keywords used in the search and information about the availability of each web site as well as the use of a drop-down box beside each web site to indicate the success or relevancy of the retrieval.

Scope

The CADTH grey literature checklist is not exhaustive, but it does strive to be comprehensive regarding Canadian and international HTA agencies. To compensate for the focused characteristics of the checklist, supplemental keyword searches on two search engines are part of the process.

Commercial bibliographic databases, such as MEDLINE, EMBASE, and The Cochrane Library, are also searched for CADTH reports. Because this checklist focuses on grey literature, these

bibliographic databases are not listed here (although we have included a few free databases that contain commercially published literature; for example, PubMed).

This publication is provided only online because it is a tool for evidence-based searching on the Internet. The checklist is updated regularly to reflect changes in web site addresses. Nevertheless, CADTH cannot be held responsible for occasional inaccuracies due to web site changes or due to the changing nature of the Internet.

Audience

This checklist is intended for the use of information specialists or researchers who are producing systematic reviews, HTAs, or economic evaluations.

Summary

CADTH Information Specialists play an integral part in the production of evidence-based publications and products at CADTH. With the growing importance of grey literature in evidence-based medicine and in an effort to ensure systematic and comprehensiveness in grey literature searching, we decided to develop this search tool. Calibrated over the years, it is now a useful tool for anyone engaged in searching for HTAs or drug assessments.



Grey Literature Checklist

Use the drop-down boxes that appear beside each web site in the checklist to indicate one of the following:

- **searched; nothing found**
- **not searched; not relevant**
- **searched; results found**
- **results may be of peripheral interest.**

Include the search terms that were used in your search:

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Agencies

Canada

PLEASE SELECT

[Agence d'évaluation des technologies et des modes d'intervention en santé \(AETMIS\), Québec](http://www.aetmis.gouv.qc.ca/)
<http://www.aetmis.gouv.qc.ca/>

Use the search box in the upper left corner, and ensure that the radio button entitled "AETMIS" is selected.

[Languages: French, English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health \(CADTH\)](http://www.cadth.ca)
<http://www.cadth.ca>

Use "Advanced Search" option. To search only HTA publications, use
<http://www.cadth.ca/index.php/en/hta/reports-publications>.

[Languages: English, French]

PLEASE SELECT

[Centre for Evaluation of Medicines](#) (Father Sean O’Sullivan Research Centre;
St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton; and McMaster University, Faculty of Health Sciences, Hamilton, Ontario)
<http://www.thecem.net/>
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, University of British Columbia](#)
The web site includes reports from 1991 to 2002 of the former British Columbia Office of Health Technology Assessment (BCOHTA).
<http://www.chspr.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/pub>
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Health Quality Council, Saskatchewan](#)
<http://www.hqc.sk.ca/>
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences \(ICES\), Ontario](#)
<http://www.ices.on.ca/>
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[IHE Institute of Health Economics](#), HTA Unit, Alberta
<http://www.ihe.ca/publications/library/>
Years must be searched separately.
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Manitoba Centre for Health Policy \(MCHP\)](#)
<http://umanitoba.ca/medicine/units/mchp/>
This is useful for population statistics.
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Ontario Health Technology Advisory Committee \(OHTAC\)](#): Analyses and Recommendations

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/ohtac/tech/techlist_mn.html

For complete lists of recommendations, see the table at the bottom of this site and click on the desired year.

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Technology Assessment Unit of the McGill University Health Centre](#)

<http://www.mcgill.ca/tau/publications/>

Click on "Publications by Subject" to view the complete list.

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Therapeutics Initiative](#), University of British Columbia

<http://www.ti.ubc.ca>

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Programs for Assessment of Technology in Health, PATH Research Institute

<http://www.path-hta.ca/>

Click on "Reports" and "Publications" in the menu on the left.

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

University of Ottawa Evidence-based Practice Center (EPC)

http://www.uo-epc.org/public_pages/p_frameset.html

Click on "Publications" in top centre menu.

[Language: English]

International

PLEASE SELECT

[Health Technology Assessment International \(HTAi\)](#)

<http://www.htai.org>

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[International Network of Agencies for Health Technology Assessment \(INAHTA\)](#)
<http://www.inahta.org>
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[WHO Health Evidence Network](#)
<http://www.euro.who.int/HEN>
[Languages: English, French, German, Russian]

Australia

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[Australian Safety and Efficacy Register of New Interventional Procedures – Surgical \(ASERNIP-S\)](#)
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Australia and New Zealand Horizon Scanning Network \(ANZHSN\) – Technologies Assessed](#)
<http://www.horizonscanning.gov.au/internet/horizon/publishing.nsf/Content/technologies-assessed-lp-2>
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Centre for Clinical Effectiveness \(CCE\), Monash University](#)
<http://www.med.monash.edu.au/healthservices/cce/>
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Department of Health and Ageing, Australian Government](#)
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-publicat.htm>
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[NPS RADAR](http://www.npsradar.org.au/site.php?page=1&content=/npsradar%2Fcontent%2Farchive_alpha.html) (National Prescribing Service Ltd.)
http://www.npsradar.org.au/site.php?page=1&content=/npsradar%2Fcontent%2Farchive_alpha.html
[Language: English]

Austria

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Institute of Technology Assessment (ITA)
<http://www.oeaw.ac.at/ita/index.htm>
[Languages: German, English]

Belgium

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Belgian Health Care Knowledge Centre
http://www.kce.fgov.be/index_en.aspx?SGREF=5212
[Languages: English, French, Dutch]

PLEASE SELECT

Federaal Kenniscentrum voor de Gezondheidszorg
www.kenniscentrum.fgov.be
[Languages: Dutch, French, English]

Denmark

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[Danish Centre for Health Technology Assessment](http://www.dihta.dk/) (DACEHTA) National Board of Health
<http://www.dihta.dk/>
[Languages: Danish, English]

PLEASE SELECT

Danish Institute for Health Services Research (DSI)
<http://www.dsi.dk/engelsk.html>
[Languages: Danish, English]

Finland

PLEASE SELECT

[Finnish Office for Health Technology Assessment](http://finohta.stakes.fi/EN/index.htm) (Finohta), National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health (STAKES)
<http://finohta.stakes.fi/EN/index.htm>
[Languages: Finnish, English]

France

PLEASE SELECT

Haute Autorité de santé (HAS) / French National Authority for Health
http://www.has-sante.fr/portail/display.jsp?id=c_5443&pcid=c_5443
Click the “Search for documents” tab on the menu to the left.
[Languages: French, English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Committee for Evaluation and Diffusion of Innovative Technologies](#)
(CEDIT) / Comité d’Evaluation et de Diffusion des Innovations
Technologiques
http://cedit.aphp.fr/english/index_present.html
[Languages: French, English]

Germany

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[German Institute of Medical Documentation and Information](#) (DIMDI),
Federal Ministry of Health
<http://www.dimdi.de/dynamic/en/hta/db/index.htm>
[Languages: German, English]

Ireland

PLEASE SELECT

Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte / [Health Service Executive](#) (HSE)
<http://www.hse.ie/en/Publications/>
[Language: English]

The Netherlands

PLEASE SELECT

College voor zorgverzekeringen (CVZ) / Health Care Insurance Board
<http://www.cvz.nl/>
[Language: Dutch]

PLEASE SELECT

De Gezondheidsraad / [Health Council of the Netherlands](#)
<http://www.gr.nl/adviezen.php?phpLang=en>
[Languages: Dutch, English]

New Zealand

PLEASE SELECT

[New Zealand Health Technology Assessment \(NZHTA\)](http://nzhta.chmeds.ac.nz/publications.htm)

<http://nzhta.chmeds.ac.nz/publications.htm>

[Language: English]

Norway

PLEASE SELECT

[Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services / Nasjonalt kunnskapssenter for helsetjenesten](http://www.kunnskapssenteret.no/Forsiden)

<http://www.kunnskapssenteret.no/Forsiden>

[Languages: Norwegian, English]

Spain

PLEASE SELECT

Agencia de Evaluación de Tecnologías Sanitarias (AETS), Instituto de Salud Carlos III / Health Technology Assessment Agency

http://www.isciii.es/jsps/organizacion/evaluacion_fomento/publicaciones_agencia/publicaciones.jsp

Cut and paste the link into your search engine address box, as link will not open in MS Word.

[Language: Spanish]

PLEASE SELECT

[Basque Office for Health Technology Assessment \(OSTEBA\),](http://www.osasun.ejgv.euskadi.net/r52-2536/es/)

Departamento de Sanidad

<http://www.osasun.ejgv.euskadi.net/r52-2536/es/>

[Languages: Basque, Spanish]

PLEASE SELECT

[Catalan Agency for Health Technology Assessment and Research \(CAHTA\) / Agència d'Avaluació de Tecnologia i Recerca Mèdiques de Catalunya](http://www.gencat.net/salut/depsan/units/aatrm/html/en/dir393/doc7921.html)

<http://www.gencat.net/salut/depsan/units/aatrm/html/en/dir393/doc7921.html>

[Languages: Catalan, Spanish, English]

Sweden

PLEASE SELECT

Centre for Medical Technology Assessment (CMT), Linköping University
<http://www.cmt.liu.se/pub/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=6199&l=en>
[Languages: Swedish, English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Swedish Council on Technology Assessment in Health Care \(SBU\)](http://www.sbu.se/en/)
<http://www.sbu.se/en/>
[Languages: Swedish, English]

Switzerland

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[Swiss Network for Health Technology Assessment](http://www.snhta.ch/ressources/index.php)
<http://www.snhta.ch/ressources/index.php>
[Language: English]

UK

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Aggressive Research Intelligence Facility (ARIF), Department of Public Health and Epidemiology, Department of General Practice, and the Health Services Management Centre; University of Birmingham
<http://www.arif.bham.ac.uk>
Click "Completed requests" on left menu.
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[ATTRACT](http://www.attract.wales.nhs.uk)
<http://www.attract.wales.nhs.uk>
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[The European Information Network on New and Changing Health Technologies](http://www.euroscan.bham.ac.uk/technology.htm) (EUROSCAN), University of Birmingham, National Horizon Scanning Centre
<http://www.euroscan.bham.ac.uk/technology.htm>
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[The National Horizon Scanning Centre \(NHSC\)](http://www.pcpoh.bham.ac.uk/publichealth/horizon/outputs/technology.shtml)
<http://www.pcpoh.bham.ac.uk/publichealth/horizon/outputs/technology.shtml>
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[NIHR Coordinating Centre for Health Technology Assessment \(NCCHTA\)](http://www.hta.ac.uk/)
<http://www.hta.ac.uk/>
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[NHS National Institute for Clinical Excellence \(NICE\)](http://www.nice.org.uk/)
<http://www.nice.org.uk/>
Search using both the “Search” and “Search NICE guidance” search boxes.
[Languages: English, Welsh]

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[NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency, Centre for Evidence-based Purchasing](http://www.pasa.nhs.uk/PASAWeb/NHSprocurement/CEP/)
<http://www.pasa.nhs.uk/PASAWeb/NHSprocurement/CEP/>
Look on the left side of the page where you will see the three categories under “CEP outputs.” Click on the appropriate category.
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[NHS Quality Improvement Scotland](http://www.nhshealthquality.org/nhsqis/1816.140.144.html)
<http://www.nhshealthquality.org/nhsqis/1816.140.144.html>
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[University of York NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination \(NHS CRD\)](http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/)
<http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/>
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

The Wessex Institute for Health Research and Development
<http://www.wihrd.soton.ac.uk/>

Index of STEER Reports
<http://www.wihrd.soton.ac.uk/projx/signpost/steers/>
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[West Midlands Health Technology Assessment Collaboration](http://www.wmhtac.bham.ac.uk/)
(WMHTAC), University of Birmingham
<http://www.wmhtac.bham.ac.uk/>
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Public Health Genetics Website, The Public Health Genetics Unit (PHGU)
http://www.phgu.org.uk/rapid_response/about_rapid_response.shtml
[Language: English]

US

PLEASE SELECT

[Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality](http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/techix.htm) (AHRQ)
(Technology Assessments)
<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/techix.htm>
(Evidence-based Practice Centers' evidence reports and technology assessments)
<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epcquick.htm>
(EPC Topics in Process)
<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epc/epcprogress.htm>
[Languages: English, Spanish]

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California Technology Assessment Forum (CTAF)
<http://www.ctaf.org/>
[Language: English]

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[Department of Veterans Affairs Research & Development](http://www.va.gov/opa/rdmt/departmentofveteransaffairsresearchanddevelopment/)

General publications

<http://www.research.va.gov/resources/pubs/default.cfm>

VA Technology Assessment Program (VATAP)

<http://www.va.gov/vatap/publications.htm>

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[ECRI Institute](#)

A paid subscription is required.

<http://www.ecri.org/>

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement \(ICSI\)](#)

http://www.icsi.org/guidelines_and_more/technology_assessment_reports/

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Technology Evaluation Center \(TEC\)](#), BlueCross BlueShield Association

<http://www.bluecares.com/tec/index.html>

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[University HealthSystem Consortium \(UHC\)](#)

<http://www.uhc.edu/>

A paid subscription is required.

[Language: English]

Health Economics

Canada

PLEASE SELECT

[Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis \(CHEPA\)](#), McMaster University

<http://www.chepa.org/>

Select "Research Projects." Click on "Publication Search."

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, [PEDE Database](#)

<http://pede.bioinfo.sickkids.on.ca/pede/index.jsp>

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Institute of Health Economics (IHE)

<http://www.ihe.ca>

Select "Research." Click on the appropriate publication type. You can also search using the web site search engine.

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Economic Burden of Illness On-Line](#)

<http://ebic-femc.phac-aspc.gc.ca>

Password protected (??)

Search the web site using navigation links on the left side to obtain Canadian cost data (aggregate, direct, indirect) by diagnosis, age, sex, and region.

[Languages: English, French]

International

PLEASE SELECT

[Centre for Health Economics Research & Evaluation \(CHERE\)](#)

http://datasearch.uts.edu.au/chere/research/research_reports.cfm

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

CODECS (Connaissances et Décision en Economie de la Santé / Knowledge and Decision in Health Economics), Collège des Economistes de la Santé

[http://infodoc.inserm.fr/codecs/codecsanglais.nsf/\(Web+English+Startup+Page\)?OpenForm](http://infodoc.inserm.fr/codecs/codecsanglais.nsf/(Web+English+Startup+Page)?OpenForm)

[Languages: French, English]

PLEASE SELECT

Collège des Economistes de la Santé

http://www.ces-asso.org/PagesGB/default_gb.htm

Use the "search" box on the top or browse navigation links to access conference and seminar presentations.

[Languages: French, English]

PLEASE SELECT

Cost-effectiveness Analysis (CEA) Registry

<https://research.tufts-nemc.org/cear/default.aspx>

Use the “Search” box on the left side to find cost-effectiveness ratios in the published medical literature.

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

EURONHEED (European Network of Health Economic Evaluation Databases)

<http://infodoc.inserm.fr/euronheed/Publication.nsf>

Scroll down to the “Search” box in the middle menu.

[Languages: English, French, Catalan]

PLEASE SELECT

Health Economics Research Group (HERG), Brunel University, UK

<http://www.brunel.ac.uk/about/acad/herg>

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Health Economics Research Unit \(HERU\), University of Aberdeen](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/heru/)

<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/heru/>

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[ISPOR](http://www.ispor.org/) (International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research)

<http://www.ispor.org/>

Complete ISPOR conference abstracts are published in the journal Value in Health.

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

NHS EED, economic evaluations of health care interventions

Searchable separately or as part of the University of York NHS CRD databases. See the [databases section](#).

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[HEED](#) (Health Economic Evaluations Database – by subscription)

<http://heed.wiley.com/ohe/CnIsapi.dll?fld=X&alias=OHE&uni=77865&SetUserType=1&jump=Search&type=4&Browser=MSIE>

A paid subscription is required.

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

University of Connecticut, Department of Economics, RePEc database
Some health economics are included.

<http://ideas.repec.org/>

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

World Health Organization – Choosing Interventions that are Cost Effective (WHO-CHOICE)

<http://www.who.int/choice/en/>

Search or browse the web site to access the costs and effects of health interventions, a tool kit for generalized cost-effectiveness analysis, and results of cost-effectiveness analyses.

[Languages: English, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Arabic]

Clinical Practice Guidelines

Canada

PLEASE SELECT

[Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care](#)

http://www.ctfphc.org/list_all_topics.htm

[Languages: English, French]

PLEASE SELECT

CMA Infobase, Canadian Medical Association

<http://mdm.ca/cpgsnew/cpgs/index.asp>

[Languages: English, French]

PLEASE SELECT

Guidelines Advisory Committee (GAC), Ontario

<http://gacguidelines.ca/>

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Guidelines & Protocols Advisory Committee, British Columbia Ministry of Health

<http://www.hlth.gov.bc.ca/msp/protoguides/index.html>

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Program in Evidence-Based Care (PEBC), [Cancer Care Ontario](#)

<http://www.cancercare.on.ca/english/toolbox/qualityguidelines/pebc/>

Browse the menu on the left side of the web page.

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Toward Optimized Practice, Alberta

<http://www.topalbertadoctors.org/cpg.html>

[Language: English]

Canadian Standards Association (CSA): Health and Safety:

<http://www.csa->

[intl.org/onlinestore/GetCatalogDrillDown.asp?Parent=3670](http://www.csa-intl.org/onlinestore/GetCatalogDrillDown.asp?Parent=3670)

[Language: English]

International

PLEASE SELECT

[Aetna Clinical Policy Bulletins](#)

http://www.aetna.com/cpb/cpb_alpha.html (medical)

http://www.aetna.com/products/rx/pcpb_menu.html (pharmaceutical)

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Bookshelf, National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI)

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=Books>

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement \(ICSI\)](#)

http://www.icsi.org/guidelines_and_more/index.aspx?catID=12

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Intute

<http://www.intute.ac.uk/>

Select “Health and Life Sciences” (top right corner); “Advanced search” (left menu); then check the “Practice guidelines” and “Systematic reviews” boxes before adding your search terms into the search box.
[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[National Guideline Clearinghouse](#) (US)

<http://www.guideline.gov>

Search the [work queue](#) for guidelines that are not yet listed.

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

National Library of Guidelines Specialist Library, National Library for Health (UK)

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/guidelinesfinder/Default.aspx>

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[New Zealand Guidelines Group](#) (NZGG)

<http://www.nzgg.org.nz/index.cfm>

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[NICE](#) guidelines, NHS National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE)

<http://www.nice.org.uk/page.aspx?o=guidelines.completed>

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[CKS, PRODIGY](#) guidance (NHS)

http://www.cks.library.nhs.uk/clinical_knowledge

Requires (free) registration

Browse clinical topics (link to whole prodigy guideline or topic review).

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network](#) (SIGN)

<http://www.sign.ac.uk/guidelines/published/index.html>

[Language: English]

[TRIP Database](#)

<http://www.tripdatabase.com/index.html>

[Language: English]

Drug and Device Regulatory Approvals

Canada

PLEASE SELECT

[Conseil du médicament Québec](#)

<http://www.cdm.gouv.qc.ca/site/index.php?accueil>

Using Google Advanced Search, type “www.cdm.gouv.qc.ca” in the domain box and type the drug name in the search box. For English publications, click on the “English Section” link in the left menu.

[Languages: French, English]

PLEASE SELECT

[Health Canada: Summary Basis of Decision \(SBD\)](#)

http://hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/prodpharma/sbd-smd/phase1-decision/index_e.html

[Health Canada: Notice of Compliance Search](#)

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/prodpharma/notices-avis/index-eng.php>

This is a drug approval database.

[Languages: English, French]

PLEASE SELECT

Medical Devices Active License Listing

<http://www.mdall.ca>

Select “Active License Search.”

[Languages: English, French]

[MedEffect: Canadian Adverse Reaction Newsletter](#). Health Canada.

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/bulletin/index-eng.php>

[Languages: English, French]

International

PLEASE SELECT

[Therapeutic Goods Administration \(TGA\)](#), Australian Government

<http://www.tga.health.gov.au/docs/html/adecc/adeccrecs.htm>

Use advanced search feature.

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Australian Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, Public Summary Documents
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/public-summary-documents-by-product>

Browse by product (alphabetical). If the drug is not there, browse the most recent meeting and update.

Another option is to search for the drug using Google's advanced search function, with <http://www.health.gov.au> in the domain box.

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) – Pricing, Australian Government
www.pbs.gov.au/html/healthpro/home

[Language: English]

PLEASE SELECT

[European Medicines Agency](http://www.emea.europa.eu) (EMA)

<http://www.emea.europa.eu/index/indexh1.htm>

EPARs

<http://www.emea.europa.eu/htms/human/epar/a.htm>

CHMP Summaries of Opinion

<http://www.emea.europa.eu/htms/human/opinion/opinion.htm>

Product Safety Announcements

<http://www.emea.europa.eu/htms/human/drugalert/drugalert.htm>

Withdrawals and Suspensions

<http://www.emea.europa.eu/htms/human/withdraw/withdraw.htm>

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U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services

Advisory Committee reports

<http://www.fda.gov/default.htm>

In the FDA search feature, type the drug name and “advisory committee.”

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/>

Search for the drug name and click on “Approval History.” Beside the “Approval” or “New or Modified Indication” row in table, link on the “Review” hyperlink for medical or statistical information (if available).

FDA 501(k) Premarket Notification Database Search

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfPMN/pmn.cfm>

This is a device approval web site.

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[PHARMAC](#) (Pharmaceutical Management Agency), New Zealand

<http://www.pharmac.govt.nz/interactive/index.asp>

Also explore using the search box.

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[Scottish Medicines Consortium](#)

<http://www.scottishmedicines.org.uk/>

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Advisories and Warnings

Canada

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[Health Canada](#) – MedEffect Home Page

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/index_e.html

Health Canada – MedEffect: Advisories, Warnings and Recalls, Health Canada.

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/index-eng.php>

Click “Advisories, Warnings and Recalls for Health Professionals.”

Search by year, then use your search engine’s Find feature to search the page.

MedEffect: Canadian Adverse Reaction Newsletter, Health Canada
<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/bulletin/index-eng.php>

Use the index.

[Languages: English, French]

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Drug Advisories, CMAJ web site

<http://www.cmaj.ca/misc/advisories.shtml>

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International

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Australian Adverse Drug Reactions Bulletin, Therapeutic Goods Administration ([TGA](#))

<http://www.tga.gov.au/adr/aadrb.htm>

Use the article index.

[Language: English]

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Current Problems in Pharmacovigilance, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency ([MHRA](#))

This is the drug safety bulletin of the MHRA and the Commission on Human Medicines.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/CurrentProblemsinPharmacovigilance/index.htm>

Use section search (bottom left).

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[European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products](#) (EMA)

<http://www.emea.europa.eu>

Product Safety Announcements

<http://www.emea.europa.eu/htms/human/drugalert/drugalert.htm>

Withdrawals and Suspensions

<http://www.emea.europa.eu/htms/human/withdraw/withdraw.htm>

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[MedWatch](#), The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
<http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/>
[Language: English]

Drug Class Reviews

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[Oregon Health Policy and Research](#) (OHPR)
<http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/search.shtml>
These are primarily DERP reviews. This database is especially helpful because it provides the names of drugs included in the DERP reviews.
[Language: English]

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[Drug Effectiveness Review Project](#) (DERP), Oregon Health & Science University
<http://www.ohsu.edu/ohsuedu/research/policycenter/DERP/products.cfm>
[Language: English]

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U.S. Department of [Veterans Affairs](#), Drug Class Reviews
<http://www.pbm.va.gov/PBM/reviews.htm>
[Language: English]

Clinical Trials (Ongoing)

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[CenterWatch Clinical Trials Listing Service](#)
<http://www.centerwatch.com>
[Language: English]

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ClinicalStudyResults.org
<http://www.clinicalstudyresults.org>
[Language: English]

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ClinicalTrials.gov, U.S. National Institutes of Health

<http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct/gui>

Click on upper left link. This web site includes trials that are no longer recruiting patients.

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Current Controlled Trials

<http://www.controlled-trials.com/>

Search across multiple registers, but unclick NIH-clinical trials.gov.

[Language: English]

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IFPMA (International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations)

<http://www.ifpma.org/clinicaltrials.html>

Ignore NCT and CenterWatch.

[Language: English]

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National Research Register (NRR), National Institute for Health Research, UK

<https://portal.nihr.ac.uk/Pages/NRRArchive.aspx>

[Language: English]

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Ontario Cancer Trials

<http://www.ontariocancertrials.ca/>

[Language: English]

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World Health Organization (WHO) — International Clinical Trials Registry Platform

Search Portal

<http://www.who.int/trialsearch>

Ignore NCT (NIH).

[Language: English]

Canadian Drug Formularies

General

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DrugCoverage.ca
<http://www.drugcoverage.ca/default.asp>

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Non-Insured Health Benefits, Drug Benefit List
<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/nihb-ssna/provide-fournir/pharma-prod/med-list/index-eng.php>

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Veterans Affairs Canada
<http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/clients/sub.cfm?source=services/poc/poc10/search>

Provincial

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Alberta
<http://www.ab.bluecross.ca/dbl/publications.html>

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British Columbia
<http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/pharme/>

British Columbia, Limited Coverage Drug Program
<http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/pharme/sa/criteria/restricted/restrictedtable.html#top>

British Columbia drug master list
<http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/pharme/outgoing/pnp.pdf>

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Manitoba
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/mdbif/index.html>

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New Brunswick
<http://www.gnb.ca/0051/0212/index-e.asp>

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Newfoundland and Labrador
<http://www.gov.nf.ca/health/nlpdp/fmlsearch.asp>

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Nova Scotia
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/health/pharmacare/formulary.asp>

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Ontario
http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/drugs/odbf_mn.html

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Prince Edward Island
<http://www.gov.pe.ca/hss/formulary/index.php3>

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Québec
<http://www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/en/citoyens/assurancemedicaments/regimesprives/medicamentscouverts.shtml>

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Saskatchewan
<http://formulary.drugplan.health.gov.sk.ca/>

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Yukon
<http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/publications/policies/>

Databases (free)

These databases are not limited to the retrieval of grey literature. Many, such as PubMed, retrieve traditional commercially published literature.

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[Bandolier](http://www.jr2.ox.ac.uk/bandolier/) (UK)
<http://www.jr2.ox.ac.uk/bandolier/>
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[CAMline](http://www.camline.ca/)
<http://www.camline.ca/>
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[Centralised Information Service for Complementary Medicine \(CISCOM\)](#)
This database is currently non-functioning and recommends the following link as an alternative for CAM-related citations:
http://www.rccm.org.uk/static/Links_CAM_databases.aspx
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[Complementary and Alternative Medicine](http://www.cam.org.nz/)
www.cam.org.nz/
[Language: English]

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Latin-American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (LILACS)
LILACS is searched via the “Virtual Health Library” (VHL) portal.
<http://www.bireme.br/bvs/I/ihome.htm>
[Languages: English, Portuguese, Spanish]

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National electronic Library for Medicines
<http://www.nelm.nhs.uk/en/NeLM-Area/Evidence/>
[Language: English]

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[NARIC](http://www.naric.com/research/default.cfm) (National Rehabilitation Information Center)
<http://www.naric.com/research/default.cfm>
[Language: English]

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[NLM Gateway](http://gateway.nlm.nih.gov/gw/Command)
<http://gateway.nlm.nih.gov/gw/Command>
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Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health (formally NMAP), [Intute: Health and Life Sciences](http://www.intute.ac.uk/healthandlifesciences/nursing/)
<http://www.intute.ac.uk/healthandlifesciences/nursing/>
[Language: English]

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[OTseeker](http://www.otseeker.com) – Occupational Therapy Systematic Evaluation of Evidence
<http://www.otseeker.com>
[Language: English]

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PEDro: The Physiotherapy Evidence Database. Center for Evidence-Based Physiotherapy (CEBP), University of Sydney, Australia
<http://www.pedro.fhs.usyd.edu.au/>
[Languages: English and various languages]

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PubMed
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez>
[Language: English]

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[TRIP database](http://www.tripdatabase.com/) (Turning Research Into Practice)
<http://www.tripdatabase.com/>
[Language: English]

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[Centre for Reviews and Dissemination \(CRD\)](http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd/crddatabases.htm), University of York
CRD databases include Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE), Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Database, NHS EED-Economic evaluations of health care interventions.
<http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd/crddatabases.htm>
[Language: English]

Statistics

Canada

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[Canadian Institute for Health Information \(CIHI\)](#)

<http://www.cihi.ca/>

This is useful for health policy questions.

[Languages: English, French]

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[Health Canada](#)

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/english/>

Use the “Diseases & Conditions” link.

[Languages: English, French]

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[IMS Health Incorporated](#)

<http://www.imshealthcanada.com/>

Use the “IMS Insights” tab.

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New Brunswick Provincial Epidemiology Service

<http://www.gnb.ca/0051/pub/index-e.asp#epidemiology>

[Language: English]

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Chronic Disease Infobase, Public Health Agency of Canada

http://www.cvdinfobase.ca/surveillance/Mapdb/Infobase_e.htm

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[Statistics Canada](#)

<http://www.statcan.ca/start.html>

In the menu on the left, click “By subject” to browse a list of statistics by topic. To search using the statistics database, click “CANSIM,” which is also in the menu on the left.

[Languages: English, French]

[IHE Institute of Health Economics](#), HTA Unit, Alberta

<http://www.ihe.ca/publications/library/>

Years must be searched separately.
[Language: English]

US

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

<http://www.cdc.gov/DataStatistics/>

[Languages: English and various others]

International

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OECD Health Data 2007 (by online subscription or CD-ROM purchase)

<http://www.ecosante.org/index2.php?base=OCDE&langh=ENG&langs=ENG>

[Languages: English, French, Dutch, Italian, Japanese, Russian]

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WHOSIS (WHO Statistical Information System)

<http://www.who.int/whosis/en/>

Find health data on 193 WHO members by searching the online database or by browsing the navigational links.

[Languages: English, French, Spanish, Russian, and various others]

Miscellaneous

Internet Search

Because of low overlap (30%) between search engines, more than one search engine is recommended for a focused Internet search.

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Google

<http://www.google.com>

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MSN

<http://www.msn.com/>

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Professional Associations/Manufacturers Sites (if applicable)

Open Access Journals

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[BioMed Central](#)
<http://www.biomedcentral.com>
[Language: English]

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[Directory of Open Access Journals](#)
<http://www.doaj.org/>
[Language: English]

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[PubMed Central](#)
<http://www.pubmedcentral.com>
[Language: English]

Ethics

Bioethics Literature Database (BELIT)
German Reference Centre for Ethics in the Life Sciences
<http://www.drze.de/BELIT?la=en>
[Languages: German; English]