

Searching Skills course

**Aimed at:** All staff who wish to learn how to search healthcare databases effectively

**Duration:** 90 minutes

**Pre-requisites:** Basic IT skills; NHS OpenAthens account

**Aim**: This course will enable you to plan a search, create a strategy, and use that to extract papers from the healthcare databases.

**Course objectives**

By the end of this session, you will be able to:-

* Recognise when you need to conduct a search
* Be able to formulate a search question (using tools such as PICO)
* Understand Boolean logic to build a search
* Locate suitable information sources, using <https://www.leedslibraries.nhs.uk/resources/a-z-of-online-resources> and <https://www.leedslibraries.nhs.uk/resources/healthcare-databases>
* Apply your strategy to appropriate information sources
* Learn how to use free text and thesaurus searching
* Identify appropriate information relevant to your search topic, and save and export results