

Integrated Care Search

Fast and Reliable Access to Integrated Care Research



What is Integrated Care Search?

Integrated Care Search (ICS) is a free, online tool for identifying the integrated care research literature within PubMed.

ICS lets you execute a highly complex database search on a topic of integrated care **simply by clicking on a web-link**.

ICS comes in two versions:

- A narrow (or more 'precise') version for the searcher who wants to retrieve a small amount of highly relevant literature.
- A broad (or more 'sensitive') version for the searcher who needs to find as much as possible on a topic and has the time to screen lots of citations to find the relevant ones.

The Integrated Care PubMed Topic Searches

To increase the usefulness of these general searches, both versions have been combined with a range of more specific topics relevant to integrated care. These topics include care settings (e.g. aged care and community health care), population groups (e.g. frail elderly, people with disabilities or comorbidities), geographic regions, and facets of integrated care (e.g. patient-centred care and evaluation of integrated care).

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Integrated care settings

Acute (emergency) care

Aged care

Community health care



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Is Integrated Care Search trustworthy?

ICS was developed and validated experimentally under the guidance of an international group of experts in the field. Its development followed a well-established methodology for search filters¹.

We know from testing ICS that the precise version retrieves around 56-60% of relevant literature. The broad version retrieves between 86-88% of literature judged as relevant by experts in the field.

How do I use Integrated Care Search?

The Integrated Care Search tool is temporarily available at:

<https://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/tabid/4757/Default.aspx>

In its present location and beta format, ICS does not have the full functionality it will eventually offer when it moves to its permanent location (the International Foundation for Integrated Care website at <https://integratedcarefoundation.org/>). In its final form, ICS will:

- allow you to *search across topics* by combining search options, e.g. integrated care AND rural health AND mental health, and
- provide a search box so you can combine your *own topic of interest* with ICS.

To view some of this functionality in action, visit the Lowitja Institute's Lit.Search tool (<http://www.lowitja.org.au/litsearch>) for finding Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health literature in PubMed.



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Search results: Items: 1 to 50

Sort by:

- Most Recent
- Best Match
- Publication Date
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For best results when using ICS:

- Don't use Internet Explorer.
- Sort the results using **Best Match**
- Apply PubMed's own limits (called 'filters') to the search results to focus the search even further.

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