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Helping you make better treatment decisions for your patients

Clinical Evidence is the international source of the best available evidence for effective healthcare. We support the clinical decision making of hundreds of thousands of clinicians around the world by providing access to the latest medical evidence, continually updated, to help make treatment decisions.

Our panel of experts and specialist writers rigorously check and then summarise the most relevant evidence in a quick and easy to find format. Our reviews concentrate on summarising the evidence in relation to common clinical problems, to ensure that we provide solutions that are relevant to your patients.

The development and improvement of *Clinical Evidence* is a constant process. Based on extensive customer feedback we have continued to develop *Clinical Evidence* so that it remains at the forefront of evidence based resources for clinical decisions.

Below are just some of the key features that you will discover:

- Systematic reviews of over 3300 interventions in the context of over 670 clinical situations
- Timely access to all the latest and most relevant research findings
- Simple user interface to minimise the number of clicks required to reach information
- GRADE scores ranking the quality of the evidence presented
- Monthly updates and new topics
- PDA edition to provide answers on the move
- Patient information leaflets so you can provide your patients with plain-English information on their condition
- All of this is within a single, evidence based resource

This user guide introduces you to the essential features of *Clinical Evidence*, and will help you get the most out of them.

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Finding evidence

There are three ways to find the evidence you need:

- Browse by section
- Browse the full review list
- Or use the search tool

FINDING BY SECTION

Click on the 'Sections' heading and an alphabetical pop-up list of sections will appear. When you choose a section a new window appears showing the systematic reviews available.

The screenshot shows the ClinicalEvidence homepage. At the top, there are navigation links: Home, Log out, Help, and Contact us. Below this is a main navigation bar with 'Sections', 'Full review list', and 'Search this site'. The 'Sections' dropdown menu is highlighted with a blue circle. Below the navigation bar, there is a section for 'Latest updated reviews' with a grid of links to various medical conditions. To the right, there is a 'New! News & Email Alerts' section and a 'Clinical Evidence Userguide' section.

The screenshot shows the 'Sections' dropdown menu. The menu is titled 'A full list of Clinical Evidence conditions.' and lists various medical conditions in three columns. The 'Infectious diseases' option is highlighted with a blue circle. Other options include Blood and lymph disorders, Cardiovascular disorders, Care of the elderly, Child health, Diabetes, Digestive system disorders, Ear, nose, & throat disorders, Endocrine and metabolic disorders, Eye disorders, HIV and AIDS, Heart and circulation, Infectious diseases, Kidney disorders, Lifestyle, Men's health, Mental health, Musculoskeletal disorders, Neurological disorders, Oncology, Oral health, Palliative care, Poisoning, Pregnancy and childbirth, Respiratory disorders (acute), Respiratory disorders (chronic), Sexual health, Skin disorders, Sleep disorders, Social and community health, Supportive and palliative care, Travel health, Women's health, and Wounds.

The screenshot shows the 'Kidney disorders' page. The page is titled 'Kidney disorders' and has a navigation bar with 'Conditions', 'Subscribe', 'Resources', 'About us', 'Contact us', and 'Contribute'. Below the title, there are two main sections: 'Systematic reviews' and 'Covered elsewhere'. The 'Systematic reviews' section lists: Acute renal failure, Chronic renal failure, End stage renal disease, and Kidney stones. The 'Covered elsewhere' section lists: Benign prostatic hyperplasia, Chylochole (uncomplicated, genital), Chronic prostatitis, Diabetic nephropathy (updated), Erectile dysfunction, Genital herpes, Genital prolapse in women, and Gonorrhoea.

Finding evidence

FINDING BY LISTING

Click on the 'Full review list' heading and an alphabetical pop-up list of reviews will appear. By clicking on the alphabet bar at the top of this window you can easily access the available evidence.

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Conditions | Subscribe | Resources | About | Contact us | Contribute

Clinical Evidence is one of the world's most authoritative medical resources for informing treatment decisions and improving patient care.

Latest updated reviews

- Pharyngeal exsiccation syndrome (updated)
- Migraine in children (updated)
- Diabetic nephropathy (updated)
- Diabetic foot ulcers (updated)
- Heat flux (updated)
- Dengue haemorrhagic fever or dengue shock syndrome in children (updated)
- Acute coronary syndrome (updated)
- Poliomyelitis (polio) (updated)
- Nausea and vomiting (updated)
- Summary of all updates

Guest editorial

The uniform implementation of clinical recommendations is not always successful on a national level, even when the clinical evidence is convincing. So is the global application of such principles possible? Or is this an unachievable goal?

New! News & Email Alerts

Get your updates via RSS
Sign up for email alerts

Clinical Evidence Userguide

Articles and Research section

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- Absence seizures in children
- Acne vulgaris
- Acute cholecystitis (updated)
- Acute coronary syndrome (unstable angina and non-ST elevation MI) (updated)
- Acute renal failure
- Acute respiratory distress syndrome
- ADHD in children and adolescents
- Age related macular degeneration
- AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome)
- AIDS: mother-to-child transmission
- AIDS: prevention of opportunistic infections
- AIDS: tuberculosis in people with HIV
- Albital, middle-ear pain and trauma
- Alcohol misuse
- ALI
- Allergic rhinitis, seasonal
- Altitude sickness
- Alzheimer's disease
- Amlyptin
- AMD (updated)
- AMI (updated)
- Anorectic dyspepsia
- Amputations and foot ulcers in diabetes (updated)
- Anx (chronic)
- Angina (chronic stable)
- Ankle sprain
- Anxiety disorders
- Anxiety: acute, acute
- Anxiety disorder, generalized
- ASGM in children
- Aphthous ulcers (recurrent)
- Appendicitis
- ARDS
- ARF
- Arrhythmias: acute atrial fibrillation
- Arrhythmias: chronic atrial fibrillation
- Arrhythmias: ventricular
- bedroom
- Atrial disease, peripheral
- Asphyxia, perinatal
- Asthma and other wheezing disorders in children
- Asthma in adults
- Athlete's foot
- Ataxia (acute)
- Ataxia (chronic)
- Atropine overdose (and belladonna alkaloids) (updated)
- Auricular

Recurrent cystitis in non-pregnant women

Stress incontinence

Urinary tract infection in children

Navigating around a review

Once you have located the review that interests you, *Clinical Evidence* presents the information with a tabbed sub-menu. This evidence has been selected by systematic and rigorous searching to answer clinical questions while focusing on outcomes that matter most to patients and clinicians. Each treatment or intervention is then categorised according to its benefits and harms.

The core evidence is supplemented by links, references, and additional information.

INTERVENTIONS

A summary of interventions ranked by their effectiveness

KEY POINTS

A one page summary of the review

ABOUT THIS CONDITION

Background information about the condition

UPDATES

Material published since the review search date

GUIDELINES

Links to major guidelines relevant to the review

PRINT OPTIONS

Print the page or download a multi-page review in PDF format

The screenshot displays the Clinical Evidence website interface for a review on 'Kidney stones'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the site name 'Clinical Evidence' and a search bar. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with tabs for 'Conditions', 'Subscribe', 'Resources', 'About us', 'Contact us', and 'Contribute'. The main content area features a tabbed sub-menu with options: 'Interventions', 'Key points', 'About this condition', 'Updates (3)', 'Guidelines (3)', 'References', and 'Your responses'. The 'Key points' tab is currently selected. The content under this tab includes a summary of clinical questions addressed in the review, such as 'What are the effects of interventions for stone removal in people with asymptomatic kidney stones?'. On the right side, there are three additional sections: 'Patient leaflet about this condition', 'Updates (3)', and 'Related BMJ Journal articles'. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the same tabbed sub-menu and 'Print page' and 'Print review' options.

The tabbed sub-menu

Reading the full text

Interventions for each condition are summarised in a table. They are categorised by effectiveness, with icons for easy reference (see below).

ICONS

Characterise the benefits/harms associated with an intervention

DETAIL

Click the description to access a summary of the intervention, the benefits and harms, and a commentary

KEY TO ICONS



Beneficial



Likely to be beneficial



Trade-off between benefits and harms



Unknown effectiveness



Unlikely to be beneficial



Likely to be ineffective or harmful

The screenshot shows the ClinicalEvidence website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'ClinicalEvidence' logo, 'Sections', 'Full review list', and a search box. Below that, there are tabs for 'Conditions', 'Subscribe', 'Resources', 'About us', 'Contact us', and 'Contribute'. The main content area is titled 'Kidney stones' and lists authors: 'Rozie Wilson, David Tolley, Janna Legeman'. There are tabs for 'Interventions', 'Key points', 'About this condition', 'Updates (3)', 'Guidelines (9)', 'References', and 'Your responses'. A message says 'You may prefer to read the key points of this review.' Below that, it lists clinical questions addressed in the review, such as 'What are the effects of interventions for stone removal in people with asymptomatic kidney stones?'. A table summarizes the effectiveness of interventions: Extracorporeal shockwave lithotripsy (ESWL) is 'Unknown effectiveness', Percutaneous nephrolithotomy (PCNL) is 'Likely to be beneficial', and Ureteroscopy is 'Unknown effectiveness'. On the right side, there are sections for 'Patient leaflet about this condition', 'Updates (3)', and 'Related BMJ Journal articles'.

This is a detailed view of the effectiveness table for 'Kidney stones'. It lists three interventions with their effectiveness ratings: Extracorporeal shockwave lithotripsy (ESWL) is 'Unknown effectiveness', Percutaneous nephrolithotomy (PCNL) is 'Likely to be beneficial', and Open nephrothomy is 'Unknown effectiveness'. Each entry includes a brief description of the intervention and the population it applies to.

Effectiveness	Intervention
Unknown effectiveness	Extracorporeal shockwave lithotripsy (ESWL) in people with asymptomatic renal or ureteric stones
Likely to be beneficial	Percutaneous nephrolithotomy (PCNL) in people with asymptomatic renal or ureteric stones
Unknown effectiveness	Open nephrothomy in people with renal stones

Additional resources

Clinical Evidence offers a variety of other resources to help keep you up-to-date and to help you practise evidence based medicine (EBM).

EBM TOOLS

These tools explain some of the statistical and clinical terms used in *Clinical Evidence* and introduces the concept of assessing and measuring risk when making clinical decisions

EBM LINKS

Carefully selected links to other evidence based materials, publications and organisations

DRUG INFORMATION

Links to international sources of high-quality drug information

EBM TRAINING

Free training modules on statistics and diagnostic tests

ARTICLES AND RESEARCH

Reports highlighting *Clinical Evidence* and how it has affected and supported clinical practices

The screenshot shows the Clinical Evidence website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the site name 'Clinical Evidence' and a search box. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with tabs for 'Conditions', 'Subscribe', 'Resources', 'About us', 'Contact us', and 'Contribute'. The main content area is titled 'Helping you to practise evidence-based medicine' and features a sub-navigation bar with tabs for 'Commissioned papers', 'EBM Tools', 'EBM links', 'Drug information', 'EBM training', and 'Articles and Research'. The 'EBM Tools' tab is currently selected. The main content displays two articles: 'Palliative care' and 'Smoking cessation'. The 'Palliative care' article includes a summary and a download link for a review. The 'Smoking cessation' article includes a summary of findings from a systematic review. On the right side, there is a sidebar with a list of links including 'Editorial', 'Editorial Archive', 'Evidence in Practice newsletter archive', 'EBM Tools', 'Common abbreviations', 'A glossary', 'Methods for estimating CVD risk', 'Methods for calculating risk', 'Methods of adjusting for baseline risk', 'EBM Links', 'Drug information', 'EBM Training', 'EBM Articles & Research', and 'EBM Video'. At the bottom of the page, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'EBM Tools', 'EBM links', 'Drug information', 'EBM training', and 'Articles and Research'.

Clinical Evidence helps you monitor what is happening in the sphere of evidence based medicine, and beyond, with a variety of tools that alert you to new content, findings and news.

RSS UPDATES

Subscribe to our RSS feeds and be notified of feeds as they occur

EMAIL ALERTS

Receive notification when new reviews or updates are added to *Clinical Evidence*

DRUG SAFETY ALERTS

The latest findings on drug safety feature prominently on the home page

NEWS

The latest EBM related news

The screenshot shows the Clinical Evidence website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Conditions', 'Subscribe', 'Resources', 'About us', 'Contact us', and 'Contribute'. Below this is a header section with the site's name and a search bar. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Latest updated reviews' with a grid of links to various medical topics; 'Guest editorial' featuring a globe and text about clinical recommendations; 'Our methods' and 'Consultancy reviews' sections; 'Drug safety alerts' with a list of recent alerts; and 'Managing HIV infection'. On the right side, there are sections for 'News Feeds & Email Alerts', 'Clinical Evidence Userguide', 'Articles and Research section', 'NEW VIDEO now online', 'Clinical Evidence Research Report', 'Evidence in Practice Newsletter', and 'The latest news from bmj.com'. Annotations with arrows point from the text on the left to specific elements on the website: 'RSS UPDATES' points to the RSS icon in the 'News Feeds & Email Alerts' section; 'EMAIL ALERTS' points to the 'Sign up for email alerts' link; 'DRUG SAFETY ALERTS' points to the 'Drug safety alerts' section; and 'NEWS' points to the 'The latest news from bmj.com' section.

Clinical Evidence: on the move

Health professionals need to find quick answers to clinical questions wherever they are. It's not always possible to check the evidence on a computer, so *Clinical Evidence* is also available in two portable, complementary formats.

Clinical Evidence Handbook

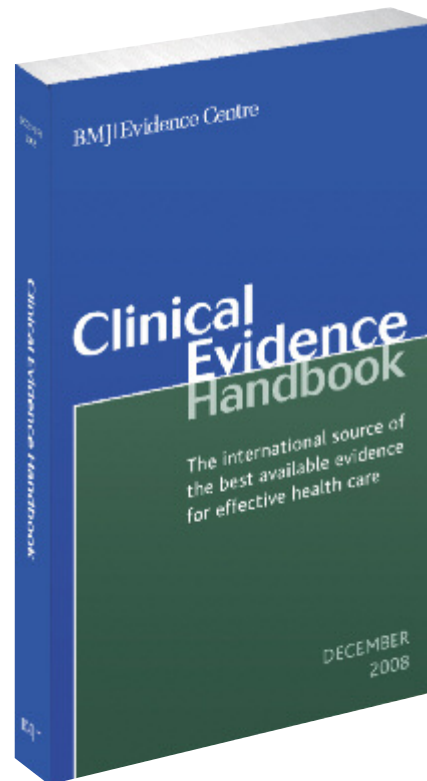
Published in June and December

Containing summary and background information for each topic and recently enhanced to be more efficient at the point of care, this handbook is an essential reference tool for healthcare professionals when they are away from their computer.

The *Clinical Evidence Handbook* is also available for purchase in other languages including: German, Italian, Russian, Portuguese and Spanish.

Clinical Evidence on PDAs

The key information from *Clinical Evidence* online can now also be delivered to handhelds (Personal Digital Assistants). Access to the latest evidence – wherever it's needed – enables healthcare professionals to quickly make informed and effective treatment decisions for their patients.



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