Tips for Searching the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews via Ebscohost

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- Go to the UCF Library home page [http://library.ucf.edu](http://library.ucf.edu).
- Click on Articles & Databases
- Click on C and then the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

Advice for searching:

- Below the search boxes, limit your search to Cochrane Reviews in the Document Type section

- This database is very small compared to Medline and Cinahl, so search broadly. It is not uncommon to get zero in the results list. If you get zero or very few in the results list, try being less specific. Take words out of the search boxes. Use broad search terms.

- You may find nothing on your topic since the database is very small and geared towards clinical questions. If you get zero, try to broaden your search to make sure there is really nothing.

- If you do find a review, the full text will be available. Some reviews have been withdrawn because they are out of date.

- Use the bibliography in a relevant review to identify more studies

- Ask for help! Contact your librarian for more search advice! Andy Todd; 321-433-7878; [Andrew.Todd@ucf.edu](mailto:Andrew.Todd@ucf.edu)

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