St. George’s Library provides a library and knowledge service for all NHS staff. Join to access printed books and journals and a variety of electronic resources, including healthcare databases and electronic journals.
Welcome to St George’s Library

Members of the Library can access printed and electronic books and journals, a variety of online resources including: healthcare databases, the clinical referencing tool, DynaMed Plus and register for an OpenAthens account.

Further information and links to resources can be found on the Library website at: library.sgul.ac.uk/

Library sites

The main Library is located in St George’s, University of London on the 1st floor, Hunter Wing.

For general enquiries contact the Library Helpdesk on 020 8725 5466 or library@sgul.ac.uk

There is also a self-service library based at Queen Mary’s Hospital, 1st floor, Jasmine Suite. Meetings or training sessions with a librarian can be made by appointment, please contact the NHS Liaison Librarian with any enquiries.

Joining the Library

You can join by filling in the green registration form handed out at inductions or from the Library itself. Completed forms can be returned to the library. You can also join online; there is a link to the form in the NHS staff section of the Library website.
Library Services

Information Skills Training
If you want to improve your literature searching skills and find out more about the resources available to you, the Library runs a range of training sessions. Go to library.sgul.ac.uk/training/information-skills-training to find out more.

Clinical and Research Enquiry Service (CARES)
The Library provides a free literature search service to support patient care, service evaluation and research. Additionally, we can set up an alert so that you receive emails about the newest publications in your area of interest. Both clinical and non-clinical queries are accepted; simply submit your enquiry to library.sgul.ac.uk/nhs-staff/cares-literature-search-service

Computers and printing
You have 24 hour access to the library computer rooms. There are four NHS computers from which you can print for free. You can also use the university computers, which allow you to access additional e-resources. Ask at the Library helpdesk for a university network login.

Health E-News
A weekly emailed bulletin of top health policy news and views; visit library.sgul.ac.uk/nhs-staff/keeping-up-to-date to subscribe.

Interlibrary Loans
If we don’t hold the particular article or book that you require, we can try to obtain it for you from another library. To find out more about our interlibrary loans service go to library.sgul.ac.uk/resources/interlibrary-loans

Social media
Keep up-to-date with all the latest Library and information services developments on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; we also have a blog featuring the latest news on Library resources and events.
OpenAthens Resources

With an NHS OpenAthens account you can access many more resources from your desktop. Register for an OpenAthens password at: openathens.nice.org.uk

When you register OpenAthens needs to verify that you are a member of NHS staff. To enable this, please register using an NHS computer and/or your NHS email.

Once you have your OpenAthens login details you will be able to access the following resources from anywhere via the internet:

**E-books**
Search Hunter, the Library catalogue at huntersearch.sgul.ac.uk to see the electronic books available to you.

To limit a search to e-books, choose the Online Resources filter. To open an e-book, click on View Online and then select NHS users log in here.

**E-journals**
The NHS have access to around 3000 full text electronic journals covering clinical medicine, nursing, psychology and healthcare management.

Use the NICE Journals A-Z search to check whether you have access to a specific title. Access this via our website or at: journals.nice.org.uk

**Healthcare Databases**
Databases enable you to search for articles by topic. Results from searches will show access options and, when available, give you a link to the full-text article.

Databases include: Medline, EMBASE, CINAHL, BNI, PsycINFO, AMED, EMCARE and HMIC. Search these at: hdas.nice.org.uk
Other OpenAthens Resources

The following resources are also available with OpenAthens, access these and many more at: openathens.nice.org.uk/Hub/Resources

Acland’s Video Atlas of Human Anatomy
An accessible source of anatomical knowledge with simple language and realistic, 3D visuals.

BMJ Case Reports
The largest single repository of case reports online, a peer-reviewed collection of cases in all disciplines where healthcare professionals can easily find clinical information on common and rare conditions.

BMJ Best Practice
BMJ Best Practice is a point of care tool that gives healthcare professionals fast and easy access to the latest information when making diagnosis and treatment decisions. Available online and as an app. Access via an OpenAthens account.

BNF/BNFc Mobile App
Download the BNF app to your mobile device to access the latest BNF/BNFc prescribing information on the go.

Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin
Provides rigorous and independent evaluations of and practical advice on the treatment and management of disease for healthcare professionals.

DynaMed Plus
An evidence-based knowledge system, which helps healthcare staff in clinical decision making. It covers over 3,400 clinical topics, providing evidence-graded treatment recommendations. It is available online and as a mobile app.
**e-Learning for Healthcare**
Online e-learning training sessions featuring over 150 programmes developed by Health Education England in partnership with the NHS and professional bodies. Programmes cover subjects from audiology to anaesthesia, dentistry to dermatology, emergency medicine to end of life care, primary care to prescribing, safeguarding children to statutory and mandatory training.

**Google Scholar and PubMed**
NHS OpenAthens resources are now directly accessible through Google Scholar and PubMed. Once set up links to any OpenAthens resources will be displayed when searching in Google Scholar or PubMed. See the help pages on the Library website for set up instructions.

**Mark Allen Healthcare Complete**
A provider of nursing and medical education resources with an established range of journal titles such as British Journal of Nursing, British Journal of Midwifery and British Journal of Hospital Medicine.

**Oxford Medicine Online**
The Oxford Medicine Online series is available in e-book format. With access to over 1000 titles, including the ever popular Oxford Medical Handbooks and Oxford Desk References series.

**Royal Marsden Manual of Clinical Nursing Procedures**
Nursing procedure manual containing over 350 evidence-based clinical procedures related to every aspect of care, from handwashing to cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
Evidence-Based Resources

The following online resources are freely available and do not require a username or password to access them.

**The Cochrane Library**
Freely available database of systematic reviews and clinical trials. A systematic review is a review which aims at a comprehensive overview of all the literature on a subject. A Cochrane systematic review will synthesise the results of any primary studies in the field that satisfy certain standards of scientific rigour and technique on the effectiveness of interventions and treatments into a single document.
[cochranelibrary.com](http://cochranelibrary.com)

**NICE Evidence Search**
NICE Evidence Search works as a search engine providing easy access to evidence based resources, including Medicines Information, Public Health and QIPP resources. With no password required it can be a very good place to start researching a topic.
[evidence.nhs.uk](http://evidence.nhs.uk)

**NICE Pathways**
New online tool provides quick and easy access, topic by topic, to the range of guidance from NICE, including quality standards, technology appraisals, clinical and public health guidance and NICE implementation tools.
[pathways.nice.org.uk](http://pathways.nice.org.uk)

**Trip Database**
Turning Research into Practice is a bibliographic database bringing together online 'evidence-based' healthcare resources.
[tripdatabase.com](http://tripdatabase.com)
Visiting and using the Library

To access the main library, computer rooms and to borrow books you will need your library card. This may be your Trust ID card or a Library Access card that we have given you. The barcode on this card is your Library ID number, you will need this to get a password for the University computers.

If you do not have a library card please visit the desk during staffed hours (Mon-Fri 8am -6pm) in order to complete your registration.

Outside of staffed hours you will not be able to access the Library without a valid card.

Further Help and Information

Our web pages are at: library.sgul.ac.uk/nhs-staff

Our St George’s Hospital intranet pages are at: http://stginet (Look for Library under Units and Departments)

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