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Finding Information about Dentistry

Using the Medical Library at Queen's

This guide provides a brief introduction to sources of information for dentistry. If you require any further information or guidance on using the resources outlined please contact your subject librarian, **Richard Fallis**, who is based in the Queen's University Medical Library on the Royal Victoria Hospital site (tel: **028 9063 2645**, email: r.fallis@qub.ac.uk).

Finding Print Resources in the Medical library at Queen's

Books are a good place to start looking for information on a topic. There is a range of dentistry books and journals, in print format, in the Medical library. The current issues of journals are on display beside the issue desk area, the older issues are bound and shelved in the main stack area, as are the books.

Books and journals have a shelfmark on the spine which indicates their subject and enables them to be shelved in order. You will need to obtain the shelfmark to quickly locate the printed resources in the library, this can be done by checking the library catalogue (QCat) either from the computer terminals in the library (opposite the issue desk) or via the library website where you will find a link for the *Library Catalogue*. You can search the catalogue for a specific title or by using the keyword option to search for a general topic area.

Web Access to library resources

Information about the library services and access to electronic information resources is available through the library website:-

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/InformationServices/TheLibrary/>

Access to the electronic information resources is available through any PC (on or off campus) with internet access, where you require a username and password you will be prompted for your QUB staff/student number (or QUB email address) and your Queen's online password.

Electronic databases

Databases are the most effective way of searching for current literature (or journal articles) on a given topic. All databases available to you are listed on the library website by clicking on *Online Resources, QSearch and Find Database*. Alternatively you can search for a database via QCat. Below is a list of databases of most relevance to dentistry.

Medline - this database is widely recognized as the premier source for bibliographic coverage of biomedical literature. MEDLINE encompasses a database of nearly 13 million bibliographic citations and abstracts in the fields of medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, health care systems, and preclinical sciences. Coverage extends back to 1950 and new material is incorporated weekly.

Cochrane - The Cochrane Library consists of a regularly updated collection of evidence-based medicine databases, including The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews - evidence based systematic reviews prepared by the Cochrane Collaboration which provide

high quality information to people providing and receiving care and those responsible for research, teaching, funding and administration at all levels.

Science Citation Index - part of the Web of Knowledge service this database includes details of journal articles from most areas of Science and Technology database.

Web of Knowledge Proceedings – this is useful for details of literature from conferences, seminars and conventions.

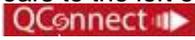
NB. The *QSearch* function as well as finding and searching individual databases enables the cross-searching of several databases at once. For further information on using this resource collect your *Using QSearch* guide from your library, or go to http://metalib.qub.ac.uk/INS01/icon_eng/QSearch_Guide.pdf .

Finding E-Journals

There is an extensive range of journals available electronically, which means you can access full text of journal articles without having to visit the library. There are various ways of checking if the full text of an article is available electronically.

1. When you perform a search on one of the databases you obtain a list of results giving you a brief bibliographic outline of the article. On this page you will see the  button. If you click on this button you will be directed to the full text if it is available or it will indicate that there is no full text available.
2. Alternatively the E-journals list can be found under *Online Resources* and by clicking on  . The journals can be browsed by the *Full A-Z list* function or by selecting the *Subject list* where you can search for e-journals specific to Dentistry.
3. The library catalogue as well as displaying the location of the print copy of journal will also display a  button which will direct you to an electronic version if it is available.

Finding E-Books

The library also provides access to electronic books making it easier for you to access relevant textbooks when and where you need to. To access the e-books simply search on QCat and if **e** appears to the left of a title this denotes it is available electronically. Click on  , then  and finally click **GO**, when prompted, enter your username (Queen's staff/student number) and password (Queen's online password).

Additional Guidance

On the library website there is an option *Online Resources by subject* found under *Online Resources*, which enables you to look at only resources that are specific to your subject area. By selecting *Dentistry* from the pull-down menu in the *Medicine & Health Sciences* section you will find not only a list of relevant databases but useful web search engines, professional organisations and current awareness tools.