



### What is changing and when?

The NICE [Evidence search](#) feature and [Healthcare Databases Advanced Search](#) (HDAS) will close on **31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**. You will no longer be able to do advanced literature searching or search for guidelines, etc. via these platforms.

After the 31<sup>st</sup> March, NICE will continue to provide information services such as:

- Parts of the [National Core Content](#)
- [BNF](#)
- [BNFc](#)
- [Medicines Awareness Service](#)
- [Clinical Knowledge Summaries](#)

### What is replacing NICE Evidence?

In October 2021, Health Education England (HEE) launched a new National Discovery Service called the [NHS Knowledge and Library Hub](#) (K&L Hub) (a basic search and no login required). This replaces the NICE Evidence search function. However, the results from searches on the K&L Hub appear to be restricted to primary literature and a limited selection of guidelines; the same breadth of content is not seen as with NICE Evidence search. It is also not possible to filter results by 'guidelines'.

### What is replacing HDAS?

HEE are providing a number of interfaces to access bibliographic databases such as Medline and EMBASE. An NHS OpenAthens account (register at <https://openathens.nice.org.uk/>) will be required to access these databases. Existing NHS OpenAthens accounts will be transferred automatically so there is no need to re-register.

### What happens next?

NICE have given all HDAS users with saved searches 3 months' notice of the closure to allow exporting of saved searches and results. Instructions and a video showing how to do this can be found at: <https://www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/evidence-services/journals-and-databases/hdas-closure-information>.

### Recommendations for Medicines Information (MI) Services for advanced literature searching

Various interfaces will be provided by the K&L Hub in order to do advanced level literature searching:

- EBSCO for CINAHL and Medline
- ProQuest for BNI, Medline and PsychINFO
- Wolters Kluwer (OVID) for AMED, Embase, Emcare, HMIC and Medline

As per previous recommendations from the Quality and Risk Management Group (QRMG), **OVID** should be sufficient for most MI service literature researching needs; this will provide access to both Medline and EMBASE. Results are comparable when the same searches are done on the OVID interface and the HDAS platform.

The NHS OVID platform can be accessed here: <https://ovidsp.ovid.com/> (via the OpenAthens link). All MI staff in England are encouraged to access OVID training and start using the OVID interface for their Medline and EMBASE searching (if not already doing so).

### Training for the OVID platform

The K&L Hub suggests contacting your nearest health library for training. However, not all health libraries will have capacity to provide one-to-one or group training.

Wolters Kluwer has provided access to a [10-minute advanced OVID training video](#). MI staff are encouraged to watch this before attempting an OVID search.

A 52-minute training video on [basic searching of OVID](#) is also available. It is unlikely that this will be sufficient for advanced searching needs but does include basic concepts such as Boolean logic (AND, OR, NOT).

UKMi will also be considering what further training may be needed for MI specialists.