How to Request a Literature Search

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Welcome!

Agenda
- Locate the Literature Search Request form
- Submit a lit search request

Topics
- Timeline & project details
- Your research question
- Other helpful information to provide
Why work with an Informationist on a lit search?

- Refine your topic to form a searchable research question
- Recommend appropriate databases
- Provide searching guidance
- Design search strategies and run searches
- Citation management
- Systematic review tools like Covidence
- Document search strategies and result numbers to comply with PRISMA standards
Why should I use the lit search request form?

- Gets you in contact with the appropriate Informationist(s)
  - Both get a copy of your form
- Clarifies what kind of review / project you’re working on
- Helps you think about and refine your research question
- Gives the Informationist a better idea of your search topic, scope of the project, and what tools you should use
- Example articles and a defined search question are extremely useful for retrieving relevant results
### Key Resources

#### Clinical Tools
- Clinical Key
- Clinical Key for Nursing
- DynaMed
- Lexicomp
- Micromedex
- UpToDate

#### Literature Databases
- PubMed
- CINAHL Plus
- Cochrane
- Embase
- PsycINFO
- Web of Science

#### Research Tools
- Covidence
- EndNote Basic
- JH Researcher Profiles
- Library Guides
- RefWorks
- SOM Archive
- Legacy RefWorks
Overview: Library Guides and Resources

Explore Welch Medical Library Guides and Resources

A collection of comprehensive guides and resources curated by informationists for the research and learning needs of students, faculty, and researchers from Johns Hopkins Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health

Q Research Guides A-Z

Citation Management
COVID-19 Resources
Data Resources for Research
Early Mobility
Evidence-Based Medicine
Expert Searching
Finding and Using Images
Finding Datasets for Secondary Analysis
Finding Health Statistics
Global Health Resources
Grants and Funding
Medical Education
Neurology and Neurosurgery
NIH Public Access Policy
Nursing Resources
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Public Health Resources
Research Metrics
Scholarly Publishing and Open Access
Systematic Reviews and Other Expert Reviews
Teaching and Learning Resources
Feel free to reach out to us as soon as you begin planning your project. This helps us estimate the time and effort to allocate to your project. You can find the informationist assigned to your department on the Find Your Informationist page.

An initial consultation with an informationist will address the following:

- A well-defined research question with PICO components
- Inclusion/exclusion criteria
- Projected project timeline
- Three to five articles that best represent your research question
- A draft protocol

**COMPLETE OUR LITERATURE REVIEW REQUEST FORM:**

[Literature Review Request Form]
Literature Review Request Form

Please fill out this form before scheduling a consultation with your informationist.
Name (first and last): (required)
Marcus Spann

Johns Hopkins-affiliated E-mail Address: (required)
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Department/Division of project lead (listed A-Z):* (required)
General Internal Medicine

What is your status?* (required)
Staff

What type of assistance do you need? Select all that apply.* (required)

- Consultation about literature reviews and methodology
- Comprehensive literature search (note this is not available for curriculum assignments)
- Expert review of an existing search strategy
What is your timeline for this review?

Note: While we do our best to accommodate timelines, we reserve the right to negotiate the timeline due to the volume of requests and the complexity of your research. **We cannot accommodate a timeline shorter than 4-6 weeks.**

6 weeks

Provide the names and e-mail addresses of all project team members. Indicate the project lead with an asterisk. *(required)*

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If you have previously worked with an informationist on this or a related project, provide the name of the informationist.

Breck Turner
What type of review would you like to conduct? For more information, see Types of Expert Reviews

- Systematic
- Integrative
- Scoping
- Narrative
- Other/Not Sure

Which citation management software do you plan to use for this project?

- Endnote
- Mendeley
- Refworks
- Zotero
- Other

What is the near-term product of this work? (required)

- Publication
- Guideline
- Grant
- Policy
- Course Assignment
- Other
Your Research Question

Describe the research question to be addressed by this literature review. Provide any relevant background/contextual information.

(required)

What mobile apps are being used to help those with hypertension eat more healthy diets?

If you have any documentation in support of this request, such as a protocol, proposal, or search strategies, upload it below.

Research Question in PICO format (optional). If you have questions about PICO format, see our Expert Search guide.

P - People with Hypertension, I - Mobile Apps C - N/A O - Healthy Diets
Provide citations for at least 3-5 key articles. Include as much information in the citation as possible, such as author, title, journal, volume/issue, date published, page numbers, and PMID/PMCID/DOI. Alternatively, provide a link to the work in PubMed or the journal publisher site. If you’d prefer to upload PDFs, please see the next question.

**PMID:** 34649784

Upload any key article PDFs here.

Are you planning on using other systematic review tools/software (such as Covidence)?

**Covidence**

For librarian use only

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Informationalist Offices

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Welch Library Building
Open Today: 9am-5pm
1900 E. Monument Street

Welch Service Center
Staffed Today: 9am-5pm
1900 E. Monument Street, Lower Level, B03

Welch at Zayed
Staffed Today: 9am-4pm
1800 Orleans Street, Room 7135

Welch at Armstrong
Open Hours
1600 McClurg Street, Room 305/306

Welch at Hampton House
Open Today: 7am-9pm
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