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Introduction to using the British Nursing Index (BNI) database



Accessing BNI

British Nursing Index (BNI) is a UK nursing and midwifery database and contains references to thousands of articles. You can also link to full text articles where available.

To access BNI, firstly go to the RCN Library and Archive Service website <u>www.rcn.org.uk/library</u> and click on the **Books Journals and Databases** heading



On the next screen, scroll down the page and click on British Nursing Index

Journals

Published from 1888 to 1956 and available in full text. This journal began as the Nursing Record and changed its name to The British Journal of Nursing in 1902.

RCN journals at Ovid

Use the full text journals@Ovid database to search for full text content.

British Nursing Index

A UK nursing and midwifery database, covering over 400 journals including international nursing and midwifery journals.

Social Policy and Practice

Evidence-based social policy, public health, social services, and mental and community health.

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Carrying out a basic BNI search

The database opens in basic search



- Type **keywords** e.g. nutrition AND diabetes into the search box and click on the magnifying glass to **search**.
- use double inverted commas " " to search as a phrase, for example "community nursing"

Tips:

- search using keywords rather than typing in a sentence
- think of related words such e.g. elderly or older
- search using acronyms as well as full names e.g. NHS OR National Health Service

Search results

The search results matching the keywords are displayed on the next page with the most recent references appearing first



- You can narrow your search further by selecting the various **filters** on the left hand side e.g. full text, peer reviewed, publication date etc.
- **noft** means not full text. BNI searches for keywords in the title field, the abstract and database subject headings. It means that we find only articles focussed on our topic which is what we need. Noft is something that's generated automatically by the database.

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