BMJ Best Practice Database Guide

Coverage:
- BMJ Best Practice is a Point of Care reference database which has the latest research evidence, guidelines and expert opinions presented in a step-by-step approach for making diagnosis and treatment decisions.
- The database also gives you access to the Martindale Drug Database as well as BMJ Clinical Evidence systematic reviews.

Access:
- Access is through the ‘databases’ link in the Library homepage.
- From the alphabetical list select BMJ Clinical Practice
- Click on BMJ Best Practice or BMJ Clinical Evidence to open the database required.

The BMJ Best Practice Homepage will highlight new or updated topics in the database. By default you can use the Search bar to do a quick search by keyword or you can click on the Show conditions tab to filter topics by Conditions. Under the Resources drop down menu, you can also find the BMJ Clinical Evidence to browse systematic reviews, a link to the Martindale Drug Database, as well as printable Patient Leaflets.

Navigation:
BMJ Best Practice is a reference resource which can be searched in ways which are specifically tailored for the immediacy necessary in a point of care environment.

Keyword Searching
- Using the Search bar for keyword searches will show you anywhere your keywords have occurred. This is particularly useful for example when searching on symptoms for diagnosis.

Each search result has direct links to different sections of topics.

Use these Content Type tabs to refine your search results further.
If you select one of the auto-suggested terms in the drop down menu which appears as you type, you will directly retrieve the suite of reference resources for the condition you selected. Click on the different links in the topic sections for deeper detail.

**Show Conditions**

From the Show Conditions tab you can browse first by broad discipline headings and then refine by filtering on the medical conditions within those headings. Once you’ve selected the particular medical condition you are researching you will retrieve a suite of reference resources organised into BMJ Best Practice’s familiar topic sections.