

Library and Information Service: Literature Search Form

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Results needed by:	Results will be used for: <i>patient care, research, education, other (please specify)</i>

Step 1: Describe your research topic:

Example: Advising smokers who wish to stop smoking

Step 2: Break your topic down into key concepts/categories to formulate a clear clinical question (if your topic does not fit these categories please speak to a member of the Library team).

Patient/Population and/or Problem	Intervention/Exposure	Comparison/Control (optional)	Outcome
<i>Smokers</i>	<i>Support group</i>	<i>Nicotine replacement therapy</i>	<i>Smoking cessation</i>
Abbreviations, synonyms & alternative terms (Please list below in the appropriate column)			
<i>Nicotine addiction</i>	<i>Counselling</i>	<i>NRT</i>	<i>Stop smoking</i>

Step 3: Your research question:

For smokers who want to stop smoking, does attending a support group (when compared with patients relying on nicotine replacement therapy) increase their chance of giving up smoking?

Step 4: Limits

Journals held in Library only? Yes No	Human studies only? Yes No	Age range:
Years to be covered: 5 10 all	Particular type of article:	
Gender: Male Female Both	Language:	

Library use:

Received:	Completed:	Databases used:
Date to contact for impact assessment (in 3 months) – don't forget to enter in diary:		