General research resources


**Child Health**

  This article considers the ethical issues associated with research on children. It concentrates on qualitative research, on the basis that much of the existing guidance is concerned primarily with quantitative research.

  This article is available via Athens.

  This paper explores some of the key challenges of investigating children’s perspectives.

  Chapter Nine concerns research ethics (see pages 183–225). It draws heavily on the Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health guidelines (included in this further reading list).


  This new publication is an excellent examination of doing qualitative research with children.


This text includes chapters on ethical issues, and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, inviting children to be researchers and an overview chapter on suitable research methods.

This is an accessible text about involving children with communication difficulties in research. An excellent resource for any student working with this patient group.

A highly recommended text.


This article explores the value of involving young people as the consumers of health services, rather than relying on an adult viewpoint.

An interesting discussion of important practical and ethical issues associated with undertaking naturalistic research with children. A research study of children’s experience of asthma is used to illustrate some of the main problems.


This article highlights the ambiguities of the current situation of research governance as it is applied to research with children and young people.
This is the leading source of guidance on the ethics of research with children.

This paper debates the perceived passivity of the voice of children in health care and research and illustrates data-collection methods that seek to give children and other disadvantaged groups a voice.

If you are a neonatal nurse, this article will help you consider the particular issues that affect research on your patient group. This link will take you to the home page of this journal, from where you can then select the relevant journal issue and article; alternatively, this article is available via Athens.

**Older People**

**Action Research**


**Ethics**

**Ethnography**

**General**


**Grounded theory**


**Literature reviews**
This article is available via Athens.


**Phenomenology**


**Randomised Controlled Trial (RCT)**

Survey

Triangulation

User involvement

This article is available, via Athens, as an article within a supplement of the Journal of Clinical Nursing (2005, Supplement 1).


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Useful websites
Ageing
Administration on Aging
www.aoa.dhhs.gov
This American site provides information about programmes and news stories.

Age Concern
www.ageconcern.co.uk
This website includes large amounts of information about all aspects of ageing and links to related sites.

Alzheimer’s Society (UK)
www.alzheimers.org.uk
This website provides activities, information and events of the Alzheimer’s Disease Society plus links to other dementia-related sites.
Alzwell
www.alzwell.com
A great site for resources, tips, stories, links, questions and answers on issues that are relevant to carers.

British Geriatrics Society
www.bgs.org.uk
Information for individuals or organisations with an interest in gerontology and the care of older people.

British Society for Research into Ageing
www.bsra.org.uk
Research into the cause and effects of ageing.

British Society of Gerontology
www.britishgerontology.org
Research in human ageing and later life.

Caregiving Online
www.caregiving.com
This site offers useful monthly newsletters.

Carers’ National Association
www.londonhealth.co.uk
This is a national site for carers and caring information.

Centre for Policy on Ageing
www.cpa.org.uk/ageinfo
Access this site for a taster of information resources available from the Centre for Policy on Ageing. Here you will find a bibliographic database, an organisational database, an events diary and a code of practice for residential and nursing home care.

The Dementia Research Centre
dementia.ion.ucl.ac.uk
This site, provided by the Dementia Research Group and CANDID (Counselling and Diagnosis in Dementia), offers links to sites that offer support, advice, information and education.

Eldercare Web
www.elderweb.com
Resources for older people.

Go60.Com
www.go60.com
A resource with information about research on ageing.

Help the Aged
www.helptheaged.org.uk
Contains large amounts of information about all aspects of ageing and links to related sites.
Medical Research Council (MRC)  
www.mrc.ac.uk  
The MRC supports research relevant to ageing and health.

Medline  
www.healthworks.co.uk/  
This site gives information on a range of health and medical issues.

National Institute of Mental Health in England  
www.nimhe.org.uk  
NIMHE, which is responsible for supporting the implementation of positive change in mental health and mental health services, provide news, publications and resources on this website.

**Research and audit**

Audit Commission  
www.audit-commission.gov.uk  
A detailed site with a significant section dedicated to health care.

Centre for Evidence-based Nursing  
www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/centres/evidence/cebn.htm  
Area of the University of York website concerned with furthering evidence-based nursing through education, research and development.

Centre for Reviews and Dissemination  
www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd  
Here you can find publications, databases and research relating to research-based knowledge.

The Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre  
www.cochrane.uottawa.ca/  
Resources promoting evidence-based health care.

The Cochrane Library  
www.thecochranelibrary.com  
The Cochrane Library is designed to provide information and evidence of interventions in health care.

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)  
www.regard.ac.uk  
This site offers a database of research awards granted by ESRC with details of publications.

Involve  
www.conres.co.uk  
Publications and information about involving consumers in research.

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation  
www.jrf.org.uk  
The UK’s largest independent social research and development charity.
The King’s Fund
www.kingsfund.org.uk
An independent charity aimed at improving the health and health care of Londoners.

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence
www.nice.org.uk/
NICE is part of the NHS, and this site provides best-practice guidelines to professionals and the public.

National Library for Health
www.library.nhs.uk
An excellent site that provides information for NHS staff, patients and the general public on research and evidence-based practice guidelines, as well as useful links to other sites.

The National Research Register
www.update-software.com/National/default.htm
A comprehensive register of research and development funded by the NHS.

NHS Department of Health Research and Development
www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/ResearchAndDevelopment/fs/en
Visit this website for information on the Government’s research and development initiatives.

The NHS Health Technology Assessment Programme
www.hta.nhsweb.nhs.uk
This Programme aims to provide high-quality information on the costs, effectiveness and broader impact of healthcare treatments and tests.

Nursing and Midwifery Council
www.nmc-uk.org
The Nursing and Midwifery Council website provides relevant up-to-date information and links.

School for Health and Related Research (Scharr)
www.shef.ac.uk/~scharr/
This is the website of the evidence-based practice centre at Sheffield University.

The Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN)
www.sign.ac.uk
This site provides information on how to improve the quality of health care by disseminating national clinical guidelines.

Third Age
www.thirdage.com/
Look here for health concerns, questions, resources and news for older people.
Trent RDSU provides academic support aimed at increasing the quantity and quality of health and health-related social care research undertaken. Trent RDSU supports local researchers with an NHS contract.

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