



FACT SHEET

Joanna Briggs Institute

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Established in 1996, the Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) is now a growing, dynamic international collaboration involving nursing, medical and allied health researchers, clinicians, academics and quality managers across 40 countries in every continent.

An initiative of Royal Adelaide Hospital and the University of Adelaide, JBI is an operational unit of Royal Adelaide Hospital (the University's major teaching hospital) and the University of Adelaide. The Institute's name and trademark are internationally recognized. Evidence-based nursing practice resources available via a license to the JBI resources are as follows:

- **Best Practice Information Sheets** (ISSN 1329-1874) Blackwell Publishing
Six-page summaries based on the findings and recommendations of systematic reviews. These sheets are designed to provide busy health professionals easy access to key issues and recommendations. This series is available in both electronic and paper copy.
- **PACEsetterS Magazine** (ISSN 1449-7700)
The quarterly publication presents features and news relating to evidence-based practice. It covers all facets of healthcare including nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, aged care, acute care, podiatry, medical radiation, dietetics and other health sciences.
- **International Journal of Evidence-Based Healthcare** (ISSN 1744-1595 print)
A fully refereed journal published quarterly by Blackwell for JBI that consists of original scholarly work from the Joanna Briggs Collaboration (the Institute and its international Collaborating Centers) that advances the understanding and development of evidence based practice. Each issue of the journal consists of a full report of one of three types: systematic review, primary research or evaluation. All reports are peer reviewed by at least two research experts in the field of evidence-based practice. This journal is available in both electronic and paper copy.

Electronic Access: (Resources)

- **Best Practice Information Sheet Collection** (See description above)
- **International Journal of Evidence-Based Healthcare** (ISSN 1479-6988 online)
See description above.
- **JBI Library of Systematic Reviews**

- ***JBI On-line Journal Collection***

JBI Members are provided with free electronic subscriptions to a range of peer reviewed journals published by Blackwell Publishing, as well as free subscriptions to JBI journals and other publications.

- ***Worldviews on Evidence-based Nursing***
- ***Value in Health***
- ***The Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice***
- ***International Journal of Nursing Practice***
- ***The Journal of General Internal Medicine*** (published through 2006. No longer published by Blackwell. JBI Library includes 1997 through 2006)
- ***Geriatrics and Gerontology International***
- ***The International Journal of Mental Health Nursing***
- ***International Nursing Review***
- ***Maternal and Child Nutrition***
- ***The Australian Occupational Therapy Journal***
- ***Evidence in Health Care Reports***
- ***JustBelInvolved*** (Newsletter for consumers of healthcare developed by the JBI Consumer Service)

- ***JBI Database of Evidence Summaries and JBI Database of Evidence-Based Care Bundles***

This is an online web-based facility that provides users with resources and tools to search, appraise, summarize, embed, utilize and evaluate evidence-based information. Also called JBI COncNECT it is designed to meet the needs of service providers, health professionals and consumers with the skills and resources to enhance care by connecting the best available international evidence to the point-of-care. Existing bundles include aged care, acute care and physiotherapy and those under development are midwifery care, cancer care and occupational therapy.

Electronic Access: (Tools)

- ***JBI-RAPid RAP Maker “The JBI Rapid Appraisal Protocol Internet Database”***

This tool is a single point of entry resource that teaches students to critically appraise evidence using established data collection tools and offers them the possibility of publishing an appraisal in the form of a refereed report, in the RAPid Library. Developed specifically for students of medicine, nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, podiatry, medical radiation, dietetics and other health sciences, RAPid is based on the CATmaker program developed by the Centre for Evidence Based Medicine in Oxford, UK, by Douglas Badenoch, David Sackett and Sharon Straus. Like CATmaker, RAPid is designed to organize, conduct and archive an evidence summary of a single study of an intervention or professional activity or of specific findings of a completed systematic review. Unlike CATmaker, RAPid is designed to include processes to appraise and summarize evidence from a wide range of sources including the results of quantitative and qualitative studies, expert opinion published by respected bodies and reports that draw on consensus.

- ***JBI On-line Practice and Policy Manual Builder***

This tool is now part of JBI COncNECT. Establishing and maintaining effective evidence-based practice involves several systematic steps that JBI resources and tools provide. This “Builder” is concerned with embedding the evidence into organizational processes and systems so the

concepts of best practice become part of the everyday culture, and positive health outcomes can be achieved.

The Manual Builder is designed for health organizations who wish to base their clinical decision support systems on the best available evidence. The service can save smaller organizations considerable resource related costs, and assist larger organizations to decrease variability in practice, improve the capacity to accurately measure practice outcomes and consequently the quality of care. Users are provided with two individual passwords; a general user password and an advanced user password. General user access allows users to view and download manuals created by JBI and their organization.

Advanced users are also able to view and download manuals however they also have the ability to create, edit, delete and order practice manuals. Advanced access also provides users of the JBI Evidence-Based Manual Builder to search through hundreds of evidence-based care bundles and to select collections of care bundles to form a practice manual for their facility/organization. Each manual is automatically page-numbered and alphabetized and divided into appropriate categories. A cover page with the facility/organization's name and logo (when submitted to JBI) is provided, as well as a table of contents and an introductory overview. Manuals are available in html and pdf formats and can be printed or uploaded to enhance organizational clinical decision support systems.

- ***JBI PACES (including GRIP) “Practical Application of Clinical Evidence System***

This is a user-friendly on-line tool designed to make it easier for health professionals to conduct an audit in a health care setting whether large or small. JBI PACES may allow you to compare data with other PACES users of similar size and setting, and offers ideas on how to facilitate a process of change in relation to the use of evidence in practice on a given activity or intervention. The GRIP module gets research into every day practice. Its aim is to establish inter-professional processes within teams to examine barriers to the utilization of evidence and design implementation programs. It includes an online database for the collection of data on clinical activities or interventions based on the clinical audit process. Data can be collected before and after a process of practice of ‘change.’ It has an online generic work plan related to problem identification, action planning and action taking. There is an online feature to compare your results with the industry average; and an opportunity to join a clinical evidence utilization group and an online user guide.

- ***JBI-POOL/JBI-COOL “Patient Outcomes Online”***

This is an online prevalence database that can be used as a stand-alone database, or in conjunction with the JBI PACES. POOL is designed for clinicians and hospitals to use an easy tool to collect and store prevalence data. Outcomes indicators offered in POOL are urinary tract infection, surgical wound infection and pressure areas. The number of indicators will grow. Data can be collected at the patient/client level and can then be examined at higher levels. Administrators will be established for each institution using the service to manage the application. It also includes a user guide.