



Search Tips

- To combine two or more keywords use “and” between terms eg *osteoarthritis* and *knee*
- Use the * symbol to search for variations at the beginning of a word, e.g. if you wanted to find papers on edema, oedema, *lymphedema* or *lymphoedema*, you could type *edema into the search box
- To search for an exact phrase, use quotation marks eg “tennis elbow”

Additional Features

- Although PEDro does not provide the full text of articles, it often provides links to follow to obtain the whole article
- Further useful, related links to physiotherapy are provided from the PEDro homepage

Further Help

- Please ask at the library enquiry desk if you need help with any electronic database
- Book an appointment with an information advisor if you are struggling with finding information for assignments

PEDro

Physiotherapy Evidence database



What is PEDro?

Pedro is a web-based index containing abstracts and references from clinical practice, reviews and trials in physiotherapy. PEDro provides references and abstracts of material; it does not provide the full text of articles.

Getting started

- You can access PEDro from any computer with an Internet connection
- Go to the Library website www.ucsm.ac.uk/library
- Click on Databases at the left hand side
- Scroll down the list to PEDro
- Click on the link to PEDro



Simple Searching

- Click on Search and select Simple Search from the list
- Enter a keyword e.g. **osteoarthritis** into the box
- Click on the Start Search button

Viewing results

- Click on the underlined link to display details about each record
- Results are categorised into the following 3 types:
 1. **Systematic Reviews** - a reference to an article, often with an abstract and sometimes with a link to the full text of the article
 2. **Practice guidelines** – a reference to practice guidelines, often with a web link
 3. Details about **clinical trials**



Improving your Search

- Click on Search and select Advanced Search
- Type your keywords into the search box
- Pedro then gives you the opportunity to narrow your search by choosing terms from the drop down menus, selecting a date or an author or deciding what type of record you want to see.
- Once you have made your selections, click on start search.

Selecting Results

- When you find an appropriate record, click on Select this Record
- Once you have a list of records, click on Display Selected Records
- To email the results, select the Email results option