Best Practice: DynaMed

Content and coverage
DynaMed provides clinically-organized summaries for 3,000+ disease and condition topics. DynaMed is updated daily and monitors the content of over 500 medical journals. DynaMed topics contain the best available evidence for the disease or condition. DynaMed is also available as a Mobile application via your PDA, Blackberry or iPhone. DynaMed can be accessed from your Athens account either from within your institution or from home.

Search and browse
There are three ways to search for a topic from the DynaMed Start Page.

- **Search Topic Names and Topic Text Simultaneously**
  - Enter complete words or phrases in the Find field. Click the Search button.
- **Browse Topic Names Alphabetically**
  - Click a letter in the A-Z list.
- **Browse by Category Name**
  - Click the Browse Categories link.

**Topic summary organization**
DynaMed topic summaries are organized into standard sections to allow easy navigation.

Upon opening a topic summary, all sections are collapsed (not viewable) by default.
- To open all the sections simultaneously, use the Expand All link located above the topic summary. To close all sections simultaneously, use the Collapse All link.
Navigating a topic summary

Individual evidence reports are labeled:
- **Level 1** (likely reliable) evidence
- **Level 2** (mid-level) evidence
- **Level 3** (lacking direct) evidence

An explanation of the evidence grades can be found by clicking on the links.

Recommendations are labeled:
- **Grade A** (consistent high-quality evidence)
- **Grade B** (inconsistent or limited evidence)
- **Grade C** (lacking direct evidence)

Print and Email results
You can print and e-mail *DynaMed* topic summaries directly from the topic summary page.

- You must have the sections expanded that you want to print or email. Either **Expand All** from the link at the top or expand the individual sections you are interested in.

**DynaMed Weekly Update**
The *DynaMed* Weekly Update is a free newsletter. The newsletter highlights key articles "most likely to change clinical practice".

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