

HTA database: your short cut to finding health technology assessments

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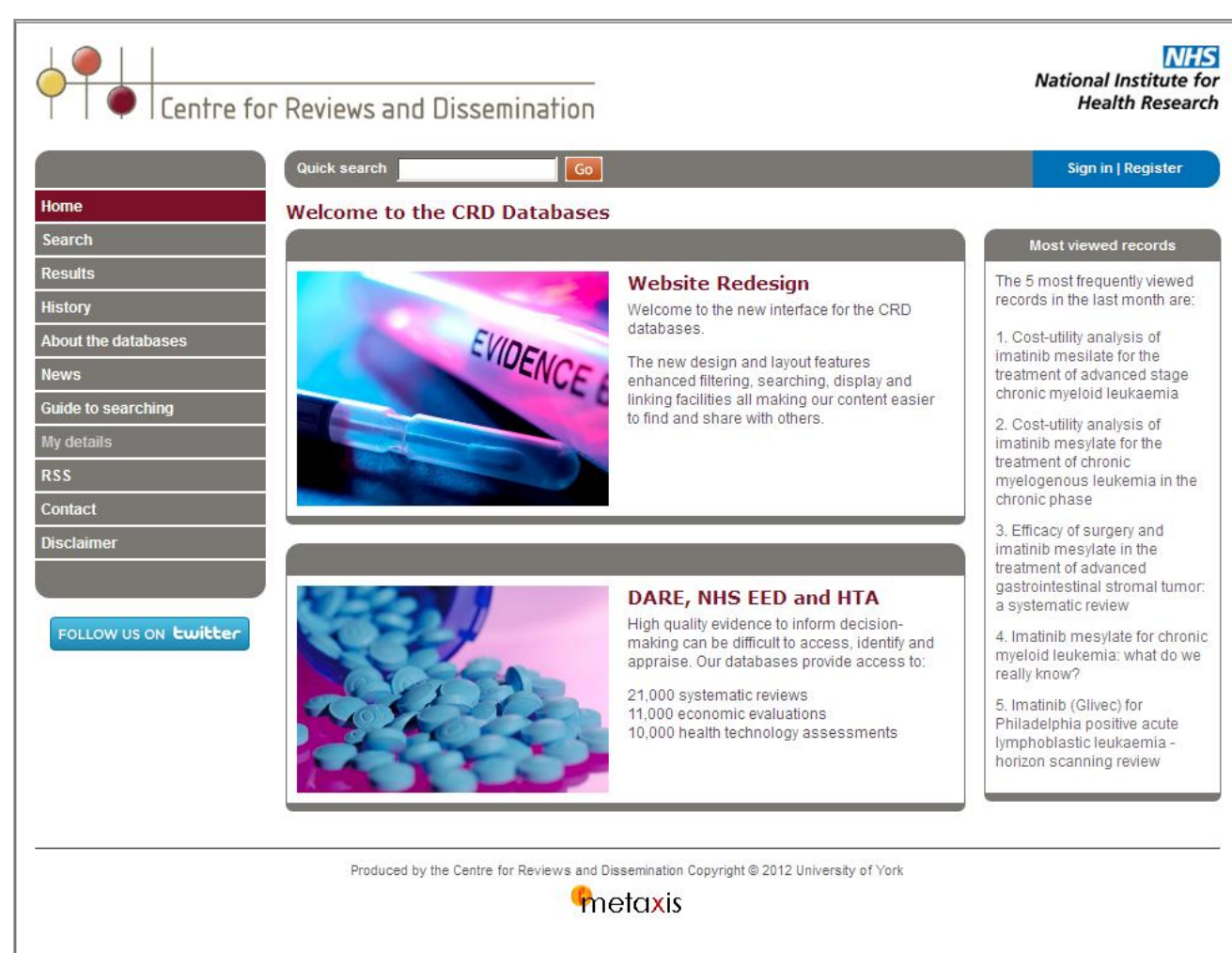
The HTA database contains over 11,000 records of completed and ongoing health technology assessments from HTA organisations around the world.

Records are submitted by the 52 member organisations of the International Network of Agencies for Health Technology Assessment (INAHTA) and around 20 other HTA organisations world wide.

The scope for inclusion is broad, encompassing any study designated as a health technology assessment by the contributing organisation.

This makes the HTA database a valuable source for identifying grey literature as much of the information it contains is not readily available from any other single source. For example the reports included are generally not published as journal articles but are only available as full reports from the commissioning organisation. HTA database records include, where possible, direct links to these reports.

Accessing HTA database

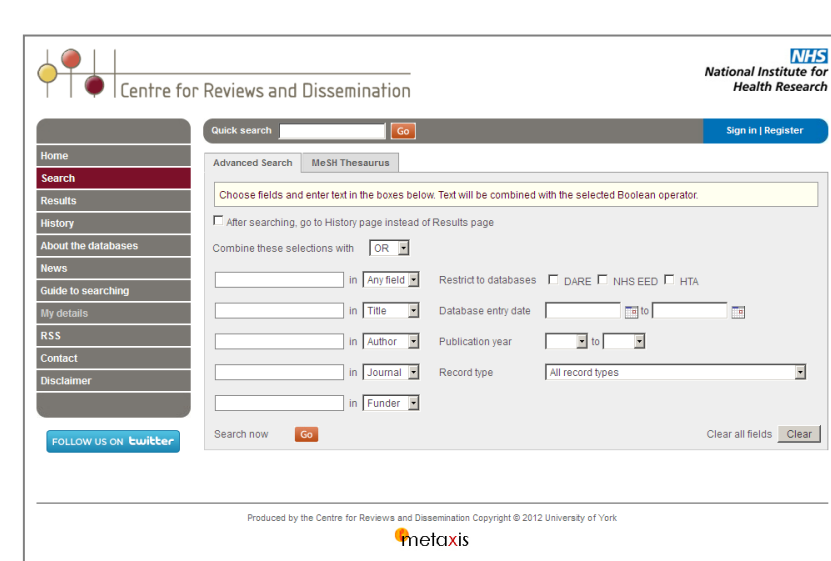


<http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb>

The HTA database shares a web interface and IT platform with the DARE and NHS EED databases, which contain critical abstracts of systematic reviews and economic evaluations of health interventions.

HTA database content is also provided to and available via other products such as the Cochrane Library and NHS Evidence.

CRD's databases can be searched together or individually, via a quick search, an advanced search or using the MeSH thesaurus.



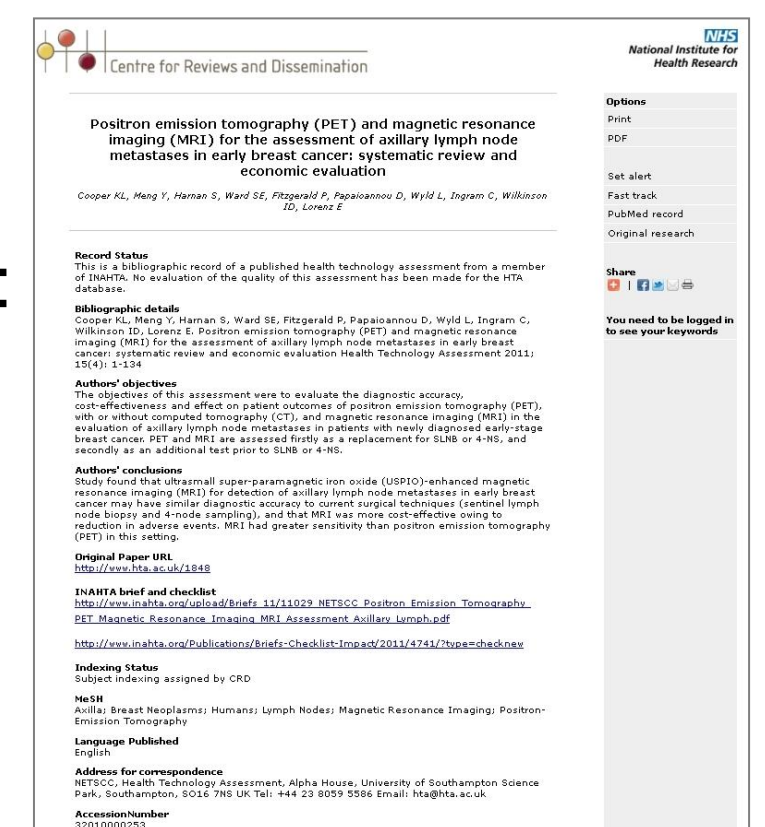
Record types

The database contains records of ongoing and completed HTAs. Organisations are encouraged to add details of ongoing HTAs to help avoid unplanned duplication. These 'In progress' records are updated to 'Published' records once the final report is available.

Record content

In-progress records contain:

- **Record status:** states whether project is ongoing or completed and published
- **Bibliographic details:** title and organisation
- **Authors' objectives:** when supplied by contributing organisation
- **Indexing status and MeSH terms**
- **Language published**
- **Address for correspondence**
- **Accession number:** HTA database ID number
- **Database entry date**



Published records also contain

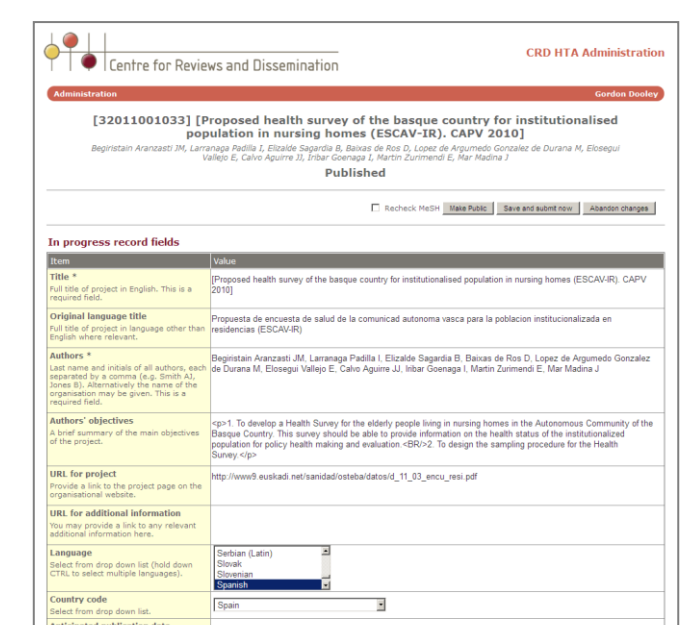
- **Authors' conclusions:** when supplied by contributing organisation
- **Original paper URL:** takes you as near as possible to the published paper, report etc.
- **Links to DARE and NHS EED critical abstracts** where available.
- **INAHTA briefs and checklists** where available.

Additional functions

- **Print** a copy
- Create a **pdf**
- **Share:** web2 functions
- **Original research:** takes you as near as possible to the published paper, report etc

What next?

Develop and implement an administration system to enable organisations to manage their own records.



Add new functions, such as set alert to receive notification when an ongoing HTA is published; and the facility to assign your own key words to records.