

Health Systems Evidence: Summary of key features and functions

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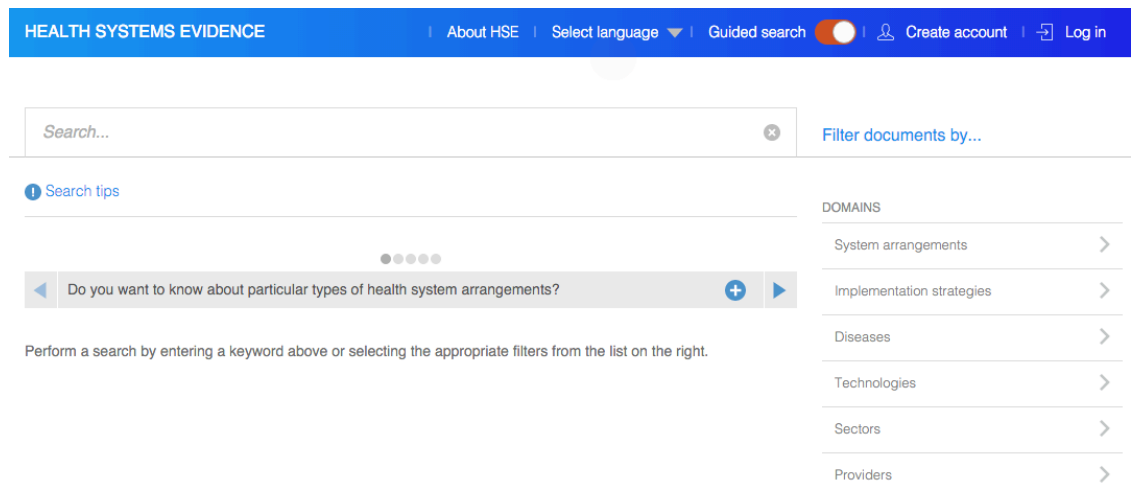
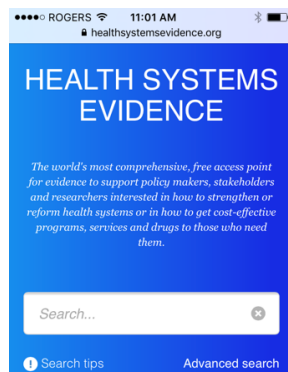
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Key features

- Health Systems Evidence is the world's most comprehensive, continuously updated repository of research evidence about governance, financial and delivery arrangements within health systems, and about implementation strategies that can support change in health systems. It supports policymakers, stakeholders and researchers who want access to the best available research evidence in a timely manner through a number of features, including: a powerful search engine and sort function to ensure the most relevant results are quickly identified;
- an intuitive user interface that streamlines the process of conducting advanced searches through the application of filters for health system arrangements, sectors (e.g., primary care), areas of focus (e.g. specific countries), document features (e.g. type of document or publication date range) or any combination of these;
- a guided search tool for users who want additional assistance in applying filters;
- the ability to save documents or searches and subscribe to free, customized, monthly e-newsletters that provide links to newly added content in your area of interest;
- independently assigned quality ratings for each included review;
- hyperlinks to scientific abstracts, user-friendly summaries (when they exist), and all of the included studies (labelled by country to facilitate local applicability assessments);
- responsive design, which automatically gives users access to the site in a format optimized for use on their device of choice (e.g. mobile, tablet or desktop); and
- multi-lingual support – search Health Systems Evidence in English, Chinese, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

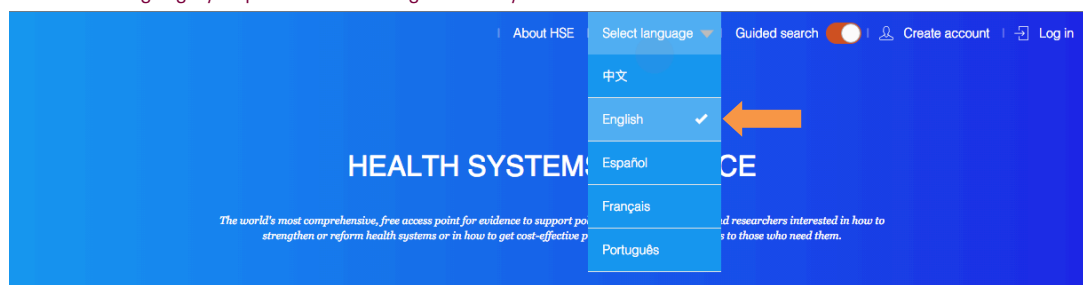
Search Health Systems Evidence on your mobile or desktop device

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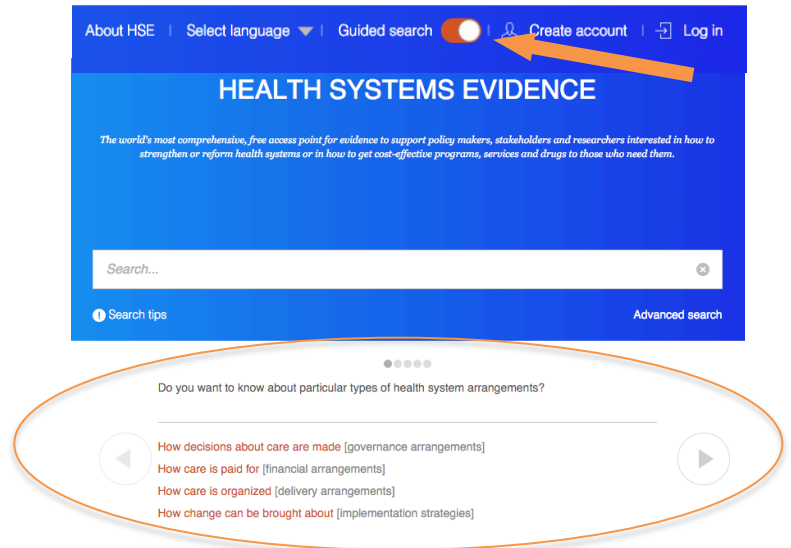
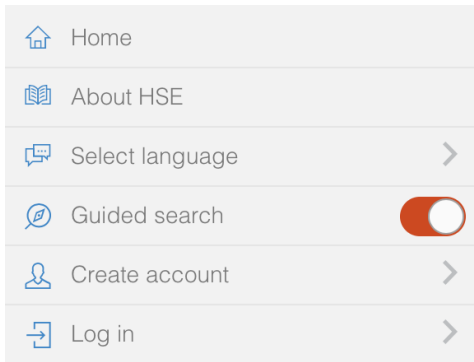
Choose your preferred language

Select the language you prefer when using Health Systems Evidence.



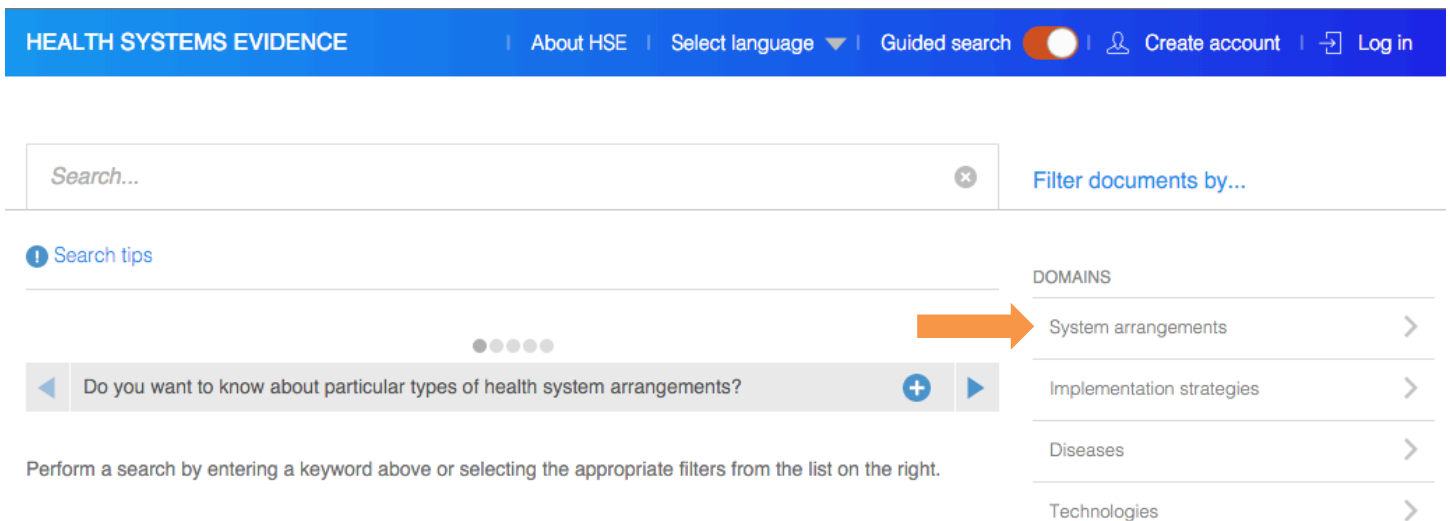
Get help by using the guided search

Respond to these questions to guide you in applying the filters available on Health Systems Evidence. The guided search can be turned off or on (indicated by the toggle at the top of the screen) and can be expanded or hidden on a mobile device.

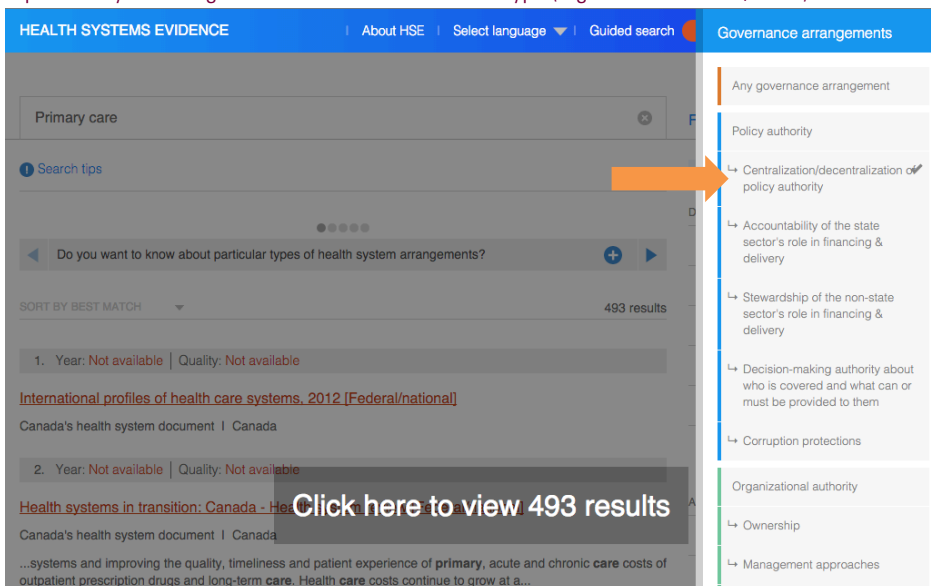


Apply advanced search filters

Explore the full list of search filters available on Health Systems Evidence, which you can then apply to narrow your search.



Narrow your search so that you retrieve documents that address the domains you're most interested in, focus on the country or region you work in and retrieve particular types of documents. Your results can be narrowed by combining filter types (e.g., system arrangements and diseases), and expanded by selecting more than one filter within a type (e.g. cancer and HIV/AIDS).



Register for a free account

For users who create an account and log in to use Health Systems Evidence, several advanced features are also available, including the ability to:

- access more than 20 search results;
- save documents of interest to a personal clipboard for future reference;
- save searches that are found to be the most useful for finding relevant documents; and
- subscribe to saved searches (and searches curated by the Health Systems Evidence team) in order to receive monthly updates via email of new evidence that addresses these same topics.

Email and/or save selected documents (when logged in)

Send the list of documents selected from your search results by email to yourself or others, and/or save the list of documents selected from your search results directly to your personal 'saved documents' clipboard.

Do you want to know about particular types of health system arrangements? + ▶

490 results

SORT BY BEST MATCH ▼ ▶ [Email](#) [Save](#) [View saved](#) | [Select all](#)

1. Year: 2015 | Quality: Not available Select:

[...Patient Care Groups: A new model of population based primary health care for Ontario \[Ontario\]](#)
Canada's health system document

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[Patient safety in primary care...](#)
Systematic review addressing other questions | Canada
How can we advance patient safety in primary care? While there is increasing evidence on community, particularly within primary care. In 2009, the Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) current state of knowledg...

System arrangements ▶

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View saved documents (when logged in)

View the list of documents you have saved from previous searches. Your saved documents can also be managed (i.e., retained on or deleted from your profile) on this page.

' button. On the right side, there is a user profile menu with options: 'Profile', 'Saved documents', 'Saved searches', and 'Complementary content'. An orange arrow points from the 'Saved documents' option in the menu to the 'Saved documents' page. At the bottom right, there is a 'Select all ' button."/>

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Save and subscribe to your favourite searches (when logged in)

Save your search strategy and subscribe to receive a monthly email containing links to any documents that have been newly added to Health Systems Evidence and meet your search parameters. Your subscriptions can be managed on the 'Saved searches' page, where you can also subscribe to past searches you have saved, as well as to any of the suggested 'Curated searches' prepared by the Health Systems Evidence team.

The screenshot shows the Health Systems Evidence website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo and links for 'About HSE', 'Select language', 'Guided search', and a user profile for 'lotts1@mcmaster.ca'. The main search area shows a search for 'primary care' with 959 results. A 'Save search' button is circled in orange. Below the search results, there is a 'Saved searches' page for a search titled 'immuniz*'. This page includes filters for 'Physician', 'Generalist', 'Specialist', and 'Systematic reviews of effects'. A 'Subscribe to search' toggle is visible, and a 'Curated searches' section shows a search for 'Cancer AND (Pain OR Symptom*)'. A user menu is open on the right, with an orange arrow pointing to the 'Complementary content' option.

Enable viewing of complementary content (when logged in)

Enable or disable your access to complementary content contained in Health Systems Evidence by clicking on the 'Complementary content' page. Users outside of Canada can choose to enable access to Canada's health systems documents and Ontario's health system documents, and users outside of Ontario can enable access to Ontario's health system documents.

The screenshot shows the 'Complementary content' page. The page title is 'Complementary content' and it includes the text 'Enable viewing of complementary content'. Below this, there are two sections: 'CANADA'S HEALTH SYSTEMS DOCUMENTS' and 'ONTARIO'S HEALTH SYSTEM DOCUMENTS'. Each section has a toggle switch. The user menu is open on the right, with an orange arrow pointing to the 'Complementary content' option.

For more information, please email hse@mcmaster.ca.

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