

When You Need to Know: 2 Simple Ways to Impact Your Practice Using the Electronic Health Library (EHL)

When you need to know what the journal literature says about practice issues, such as “*In preschoolers with language issues, what are effective treatments?*” go to the Electronic Health Library (EHL) on the BCASPLA member site. When Google delivers too much irrelevant information, and you can’t find free full-text articles on the Web, go to the EHL. It’s your direct access into the most important health databases and full-text journals – free with your membership.

What is the EHL?

The EHL provides access to these key resources:

1. 3-D Anatomy Resources – refresh your anatomy knowledge, or educate your clients
2. Medline, CINAHL and PsycINFO databases – search for journal articles on topics of interest
3. A-Z Journals List – access thousands of health journals.

In BC, we are fortunate to have the e-HLbc consortium which ensures affordable access to essential practice resources for all health professionals in the province, whether in private practice or public practice. Searched together, Medline and CINAHL have the best coverage of health and SLPA journals, while PsycINFO addresses psychological literature. Once you find citations and abstracts of interest, check the A-Z Journals List to find the full-text journal.

Why Use the EHL?

Most of us have some success finding free resources on the Web. But how often do your Google searches yield too much irrelevant information, or simply no journal articles at all? While the number of Open Access (free) journals is growing, there is an easier way to focus your searches on the best literature available, including access to full-text: search the EHL.

One special benefit of EHL is the ability to limit your searches to the best evidence such as systematic reviews and metaanalyses, or to a population such as children or seniors. Ultimately, you will save time by doing better searches.

How To Access EHL

Go to the BCASLPA website at www.bcaslpa.ca and log in as a member. Click on “Membership” and then find Electronic Health Library. Select the resource of interest, or view training tips on how to use the EHL.

Try These 2 Simple Tips to Impact Your Practice Using the EHL

1. Use the A-Z Journal List – Find Full-Text Journal Articles

Perhaps you have a journal article citation and want to read the full-text article (e.g., Living successfully with aphasia: a qualitative meta-analysis ... *Intl J of Speech Language Pathology*, 2012, 14(2):141.) If you

can't find it for free on the Web, search the *A-Z Journals List* for the journal and then browse your way to the article. There are thousands of full-text health journals, including:

- American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology
- American Journal of Audiology
- Journal of Speech, Language and Hearing Research
- Language, Speech, and Hearing Services in Schools

2. Set up an Email Search Alert on a Topic of Interest

Do a simple search in Medline, CINAHL and/or PsycINFO on a topic like “aphasia,” or “autism spectrum disorder,” and then click on “Sign In” to EBSCO Host. Here you can save your search and set up a Search Alert so the latest journal articles on this topic will be emailed to you automatically. This is an easy way to keep up with the literature in your area of practice.

When you need to know, explore the EHL for journal articles and anatomy resources to inform your evidence-based practice. For more information, go to the EHL on the member site.

Current Articles of Interest

Here are some recently published articles. To find the full-text, go to the Electronic Health Library on the member site and search for the journal in the A-Z Journal List.

1. Evidence-Based Practice in Audiology: Rehabilitation Options for Adults With Hearing Impairment. *American Journal of Audiology*, 2013 Dec; 22 (2): 329-31.
2. Reading in Subjects With an Oral Cleft: Speech, Hearing and Neuropsychological Skills. *Neuropsychology*, Nov 4, 2013.
3. Grammatical Outcomes of 3- and 6-Year-Old Children Who Are Hard of Hearing. *Journal of Speech, Language & Hearing Research*, 2013 Oct; 56 (5): 1701-14.
4. Transient auditory dysfunction: a description and study of prevalence. *Ear, Nose, & Throat Journal* 2013 Aug; Vol. 92 (8), pp. 352-6.
5. Tool kit for screening otologic function of older adults. *American Journal Of Audiology* 2013 Jun; Vol. 22 (1), pp. 179-82.
6. Language ability predicts the development of behavior problems in children. *Journal Of Abnormal Psychology* 2013 May; Vol. 122 (2), pp. 542-57.