

Quick Guide to the WHO Reproductive Health Library

The World Health Organization (WHO)'s Reproductive Health Library (RHL) provides an online collection of high-quality evidence in reproductive health.

As indicated in Figure 1 on the right hand side of the webpage, the Reproductive Health Library also provides up-to-date guidelines as well as methodological resources and videos for you to access for free.

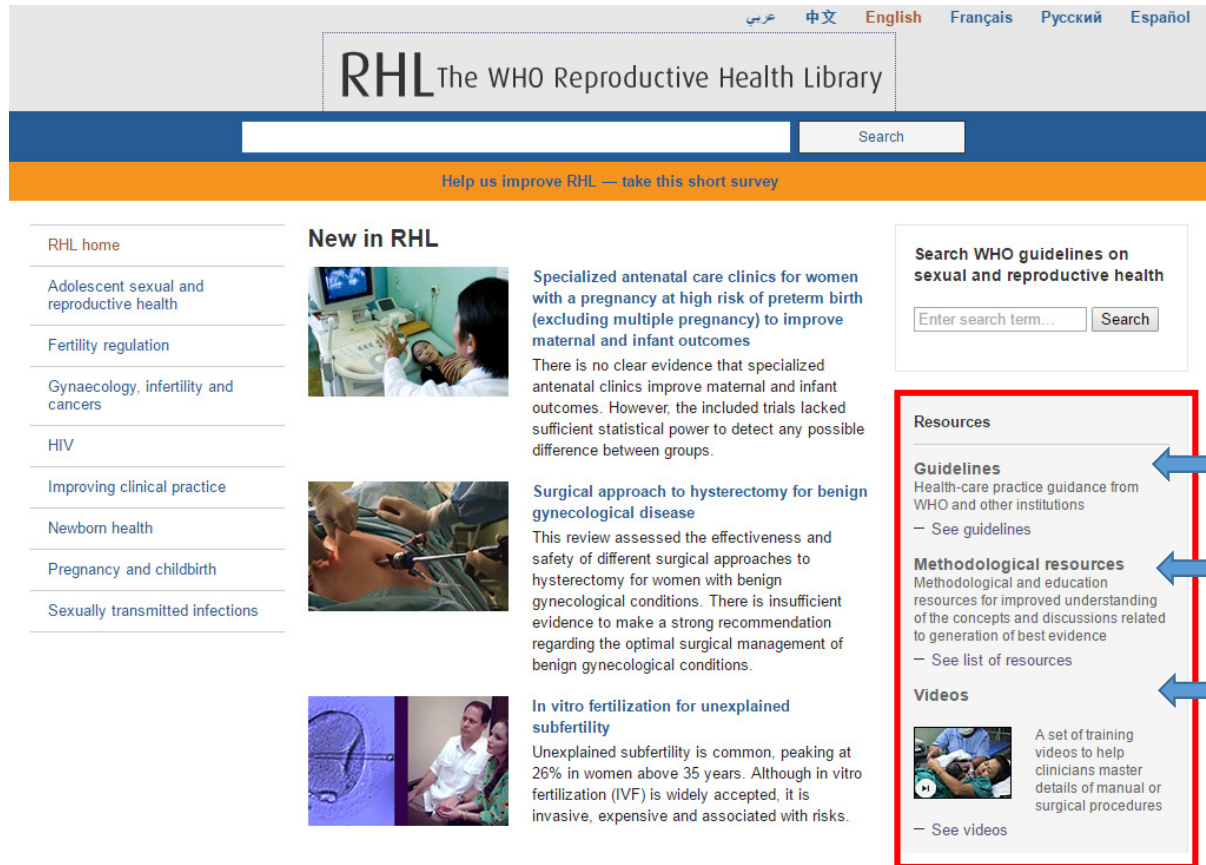


Figure 1. The WHO Reproductive Health Library's homepage.

New documents that have been added to the Reproductive Health Library can be found in the centre of the webpage.

Browsing and Searching

The WHO Reproductive Library can be accessed via this URL: <http://apps.who.int/rhl/en/> This website offers browsing by subject and search options.

Browsing

The screenshot shows the WHO Reproductive Health Library homepage. At the top right, there are language options: عربي, 中文, English, Français, Русский, Español. The main header reads "RHL The WHO Reproductive Health Library". Below this is a search bar and a "Search" button. A banner below the search bar says "Help us improve RHL — take this short survey".

On the left, under "RHL home", there is a list of subjects to browse, highlighted with a red box:

- Adolescent sexual and reproductive health
- Fertility regulation
- Gynaecology, infertility and cancers
- HIV
- Improving clinical practice
- Newborn health
- Pregnancy and childbirth
- Sexually transmitted infections

In the center, under "New in RHL", there are two featured articles:

- Specialized antenatal care clinics for women with a pregnancy at high risk of preterm birth (excluding multiple pregnancy) to improve maternal and infant outcomes**
There is no clear evidence that specialized antenatal clinics improve maternal and infant outcomes. However, the included trials lacked sufficient statistical power to detect any possible difference between groups.
- Surgical approach to hysterectomy for benign gynecological disease**
This review assessed the effectiveness and safety of different surgical approaches to hysterectomy for women with benign gynecological conditions. There is insufficient evidence to make a strong recommendation regarding the optimal surgical management of benign gynecological conditions.

On the right, there is a section titled "Search WHO guidelines on sexual and reproductive health" with a search box and a "Search" button. Below that is a "Resources" section with "Guidelines" and "Methodological resources".

Figure 2. The WHO Reproductive Health Library's homepage.

On the left hand side of Figure 2 you can see there is a menu of subjects to browse the Reproductive Health Library. Clicking on any of these subjects will take you to a results page listing the various material available concerning that topic.

Searching

The homepage provides a basic search box for you to conduct a search with.

The screenshot shows the search bar on the WHO Reproductive Health Library homepage. The search bar contains the text "caesal" and a dropdown menu shows the suggestion "caesarean section rate in africa". The search button is labeled "Search".

Figure 3. The WHO Reproductive Health Library's search box.

Using keywords, enter your search terms into this box. Your results will display like those in Figure 3. You will notice that the search box prompts you as you type.

caesarean section AND Europe

Search

Advanced search

Search results

1-10 of 43 results

WHO | Vaginal preparation with antiseptic solution before ...
 ... with an antiseptic solution before a **caesarean** delivery decreases maternal infectious morbidities found: Vaginal cleansing with povidone-iodine before **caesarean section** reduces the ...
apps.who.int/rhl/pregnancy_childbirth/childbirth/caesarean/cd007892/en/ - 26k

WHO | Alternative techniques and materials for caesarean ...
 ... Unwanted **caesarean sections** among public and private patients in Brazil ... to maternal request for elective **caesarean section**: a survey ...
 European Journal of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and ...
apps.who.int/rhl/pregnancy_childbirth/childbirth/caesarean/CD004663_abalose_com/en/ - 43k

[More results from apps.who.int/rhl/pregnancy_childbirth/childbirth/]

WHO | Antibiotic prophylaxis versus no prophylaxis for ...
 ... common infection-related complication following **caesarean** delivery, which ... cord for women undergoing **caesarean section** seems equally ... countries (eg Western **European** countries and ...
apps.who.int/rhl/archives/cd007482_bastue_com/en/ - 28k

WHO | Effect of partogram use on outcomes for women in ...
 ... The primary outcomes for the mother were **caesarean section**, oxytocin augmentation, duration of the first stage of labour and negative experience of childbirth (as defined by trial ...
apps.who.int/rhl/archives/cd005461_sonibl_com/en/ - 28k

WHO | Misoprostol for cervical ripening and induction of ...
 ... with the vaginal route, the buccal route was associated with slightly fewer **caesarean sections** (18/73 ... 17/50 versus 23/50, RR 0.74, 95% CI 0.45–1.21) and less **caesarean section** (8/50 ...
apps.who.int/rhl/pregnancy_childbirth/induction/CD000941_abdel-aleemh_com/en/ - 38k

Figure 4. Search results.

To access the resource click on the title. Scroll down to the bottom of the results page to find further pages of results. If you find that the results are too numerous, there is an 'Advanced search' option found on the far right of the web page, as shown in Figure 4.

Advanced search

Find results	
with all of the words	<input type="text" value="caesarean section AND Europe"/>
with the exact phrase	<input type="text"/>
with at least one of the words	<input type="text"/>
without the words	<input type="text"/>

Language	
Return pages written in	<input type="text" value="any language"/>

File Format	
<input type="text" value="Only"/> return results of the file format	<input type="text" value="any format"/>

Occurrences	
Return results where my terms occur	<input type="text" value="anywhere in the page"/>

Domain	
<input type="text" value="Only"/> return results from the site or domain	<input type="text" value="who.int"/>

Sort	
<input type="text" value="Sort by relevance"/>	

Security	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Search public content only	<input type="radio"/> Search public and secure content (login required)

Number of results	
<input type="text" value="10 results"/> <input type="text" value="default_collection"/>	<input type="button" value="Search"/>

Page-Specific Search	
Find pages that link to the page	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Search"/>

Figure 5. Advanced search.

There are a variety of fields at the top of the advanced search that help to narrow your search by including/excluding words and you can choose what type of file format and domain the results come from.

Further Help

If you need help using this or any other information resources, please contact the **Online Library** by:

Telephone at: +44 (0)20 7862 8478 (between 09.00 and 17.00 GMT),

By email at: OnlineLibrary@shl.lon.ac.uk

By the Enquiries Form at: <http://onlinelibrary.london.ac.uk/about/contact-us>