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Evidence Summaries

[Evidence summaries](#) are point of care decision support tools that make it easier to get evidence into practice. They summarise high-quality evidence on different conditions, including practical information on diagnosis and treatment options, into concise reference entries to help you find answers to clinical questions easily.

Medicines Information

There are several Medicines Information resources available via The Knowledge Network, including the BNF. You may be interested in [accessing these resources](#) for up-to-date evidence and advice around drugs and prescribing.

Literature Searching and Training

CABs cover broad topics. If you need literature on a more specific research topic or clinical question, then please [contact your local library service](#) who will be happy to advise further. NHS Forth Valley staff and partners can find more information about requesting literature searches and training from our library on StaffNet, or get in touch with us by emailing fv.forthvalleylibraryservices@nhs.scot.

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