

Production of *Behavioral Medicine Alerts*

Production

***Alerts* are produced using the following methods:**

- The tables of contents of approximately 150 relevant journals are scanned to pick up articles on behavioral medicine.
- The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, DARE (Database of Abstracts of Reviews of effects), and the HTA (Health Technology Assessment) databases are searched for behavioral medicine topics. NOTE: Since the DARE and HTA databases examine primary studies and provide them with a structured abstract (and in the case of DARE -- a commentary), studies obtained from these sources may have been published up to 1 year ago.

Content

Unlike the Cochrane Behav Med Field Database (www.cochranebehavmed.org/search.php) which currently contains only RCTs, systematic reviews, and metaanalyses, *Alerts* contain any recent article that may be of interest to the behavioral medicine community:

- Systematic reviews, meta-analyses, and randomized trials of behavioral interventions
- Cohort, observational, or cross-sectional studies (where major or informative studies have been carried out in the areas of etiology, prognosis, or prevalence)
- Key editorials and commentaries
- General articles on Evidence Based Medicine topics such as research methodology, implementation, or policy

Availability of full-text articles

- Links are given to free full-text articles wherever available.
- All other links to article abstracts are via PubMed or journal homepage.
- For the availability of full-text articles, please check with your local library or resource provider within your institution.

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