

FINDING BEST PRACTICES AND GUIDELINES

In research, we often have to support a course of action, method of research, or decision based on previous research, published guidelines, or best practices. Best practices are a type of “grey literature,” and they can be found online. There are several ways to find guidelines and best practices, and this guide will help you get started.

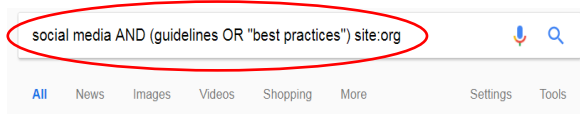
Websites for Searching

The sites you choose to use will depend on your field of study. Here are a few examples:

- CPG Infobase: Clinical Practice Guidelines – Canadian Medical Association
<https://www.cma.ca/En/Pages/clinical-practice-guidelines.aspx>
- National Guideline Clearinghouse (US)
<https://www.guideline.gov/>
- NICE – National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (UK)
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance>
- TRIP – Turning Research Into Practice
<https://www.tripdatabase.com/>
- [CINAHL with Full Text](#)
- [Joanna Briggs Institute EBP Database](#)
- [PubMed – MEDLINE with Dal journal links](#)
- Professional Organizations Listed by Medline
https://medlineplus.gov/organizations/orgbytopic_a.html

Google Searching

Google is a useful tool to search for guidelines on the web. To browse for guidelines published by *organizations* (such as NGOs) or the Canadian federal *government*, add `site:org` or `site:gov` to your search:



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Scholarly articles for social media AND (guidelines OR "best practices") site:org

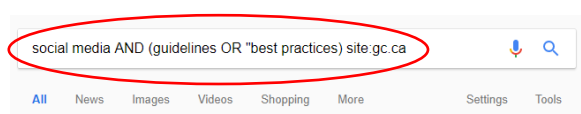
... use Twitter and other social media to gain business ... - Culnan - Cited by 616
Social media and customer dialog management at ... - Gallaughier - Cited by 342
... Facebook, and other social media are reshaping health ... - Hawn - Cited by 687

Social Media Guidelines | Emerson College

collegekitchen.emersonchannel.org/policy/social-media-guidelines ▼
TABLE OF CONTENTS Overview Social Media Guidelines When Posting as an Individual Social Media Guidelines When Posting on Behalf of Emerson College ... They are examples of best practices from various institutions and are intended to help you understand, from a wide range of perspectives, the implications of ...

Social Media Guidelines: Ethical, Safe and Effective Practical Standards

www.afpnet.org > About AFP ▼
The goal of AFP's Social Media Guidelines is to both provide fundraising professionals guidance on social media for their workplace and to establish guidelines for Organization leaders to use with their staff, consultants, volunteers, members, stakeholders and affiliated groups. This document also covers the conduct and ...



About 15,300 results (0.51 seconds)

^{PDF} Internet, new media and social media - Senate of Canada
publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2012/sen/yc34-0/yc34-0-411-5-eng.pdf ▼
Oct 31, 2012 - own internal guidelines (see Table 8 of this report), but others have not (e.g., the Bank of Canada). The point was made many times before the Senate Committee that the practices governing the use of social media are constantly evolving and that institutions are doing their best to adapt using the means at ...

Introduction to the Clinical Practice Guidelines - Canada.ca

www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/services/nurs-infirm/clin/introduction-eng.php ▼
May 8, 2012 - The guidelines are based on best practices and evidence available at the time they were written. They are to be used in concert with regional and/or national guidelines, as well as the First Nations Inuit Health Branch Formulary and Drug Classification System, the latter in regions where it is used.

Social Media Terms of Use - Library of Parliament

bdp.parl.gc.ca/About/Parliament/PhotoGallery/TermsOfUse-e.htm ▼
Updating and monitoring of the Parliament of Canada social media accounts generally takes place during, but is not limited to, regular business hours – 9 a.m. to 5 ... As a best practice, users are advised not to share personal information, such as home addresses and telephone numbers, photographs containing images of ...

^{PDF} NLC Best Practices Manual for Online Publishing - Bibliothèque et ...
www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/obj/p13/f2/01-e.pdf ▼

To browse guidelines published by universities or research institutions in the United States, add site:edu to your search, and add site:ca to browse Canadian results:

The image shows two side-by-side Google search results. Both searches use the query "social media AND (guidelines OR 'best practices') site:edu" (circled in red). The left search results show approximately 1,740,000 results (0.37 seconds) and lists several articles and guidelines from institutions like the University of Alaska System and Brown University. The right search results show approximately 1,640,000 results (0.51 seconds) and lists results from McGill University and the University of Regina.

While there is no domain suffix to limit to Canadian universities, you can search using this convenient Google custom search of Canadian university websites created by Mount Royal University: https://cse.google.com/cse/publicurl?cx=006390257967233277436:ctqscos_st0

Other useful Google searching tips:

- Browse by file type (filetype:pdf). A longer list of Google domains and file types is available on this downloadable handout: https://cdn.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/library/CoreSkills/Advanced_searching_Google.pdf
- Search between specific dates (1980..2010)
- Search using another country's Google. Change your region in Google "Settings" and then visit the search engine for that region. A full list of Google search engines is available at <http://www.genealogyintime.com/articles/country-guide-to-google-search-engines-page3.html>
- Try using a difference search engine

Database Searching

You can also find guidelines and best practices in published academic research. These articles or published papers are available in our databases. To find subject-specific databases, click "Subject Guides" on the library homepage: <http://dal.ca.libguides.com/?b=g&d=a>

Once on this page, scroll to find your subject area to find the top resources for that subject OR click to view the A-Z Database List: <http://dal.ca.libguides.com/az.php>

Using the A-Z dropdown, select your subject area. A list of suggested databases will appear at the top of the page.

This is what a search might look like in a ProQuest databases where (guidelines OR "best practices") appear in the abstract as an important term.

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You can search for best practices or guidelines in subject-specific databases within your discipline, or search within multi-disciplinary databases such as EBSCO (<http://dal.ca.libguides.com/Ebscohost>) or ProQuest (<http://dal.ca.libguides.com/proquest>).

Multi-disciplinary databases are broad, contain many subject areas, and can be used as a useful tool to find guidelines in published research.

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