

**Q: What is the best way of finding up-to-date information on ethnicity & health?**

**A: “NHS Evidence – ethnicity and health”**

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## NHS Evidence - ethnicity and health

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- [-] Cultural Competence
- [-] Management and Policy
- [-] Statistics

### NHS Evidence - ethnicity and health




**Knowledge Weeks & Topic Articles**

Articles written by experts and published here on a variety of topics




**News**

News and recently published items of interest



**Cultural Calendar**

This month's calendar of cultural dates



**New Resources**


Latest evidence in ethnicity and health and RSS feed

Please note that we are making a few changes to our home page and you may find occasional faults. We are working to resolve outstanding issues. Thanks for your patience.

**Patient Information in Ethnic Minority Languages.** NHS Direct are currently in the process of moving their patient information, users of our collection may experience problems in accessing this material. We shall restore our links as soon as possible. We are actively seeking new resources of this type and welcome suggestions.

**News** The latest developments in Evidence, Consultation or Resources

**We're changing - a bit now, more later**



**Recently Published**

**Diabetes UK** has produced a toolkit to aid in the hosting of Diabetes Awareness sessions to people from south Asian communities. The toolkit includes a handbook, two powerpoint presentations, speaker notes and a quiz about food myths. Further details can be viewed [here](#).

**A good practice guide** has been published by the Thomas Pocklington Trust to assist those who commission and provide health and social care services to black and minority ethnic (BME)



## What is “NHS Evidence – ethnicity and health”?

- “NHS Evidence – ethnicity and health” is an internet-based collection of resources, evidence, guidelines and information service for the NHS.
- It is part of a new National Institute of Health & Clinical Excellence (NICE) initiative designed to improve evidence-based practice in the NHS.
- The ethnicity and health specialist collection provides a single portal for research evidence and guidance on “best practice” relating to: the health of an ethnically or culturally diverse population; the needs of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees; and the requirements of speakers of minority languages.



## A number of factors can affect people's use and experiences of health and social care. These include...

- Ethnic differences in patterns of disease
- Cultural variations in presentation of symptoms of illness
- Perceptions of health, body and disease
- Cultural and language differences in descriptions
- Accessibility of services (time and place)
- Previous experiences of or past encounters with services
- Alternative treatment options
- Lifestyle, socio-economic status, religion & cultural practices
- Racism – direct, personal, indirect or institutional
- Language, education and the availability of information
- Attitude, awareness and skill of clinical staff



## “NHS Evidence – ethnicity and health”

**Provides up-to-date information on four important topic areas:**

Diseases and Conditions

Service Delivery

Cultural Competence

Management and Policy



## “Diseases and Conditions” provides information on:

- Blood disorders
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular diseases
- Clinical genetics
- Diabetes
- Eyes and vision
- Gastroenterology
- Infectious diseases
- Mental health
- Musculoskeletal
- Neurological disorders
- Oral health
- Reproductive health
- Respiratory disorders
- Skin diseases
- Ethnicity linked disorders
- Other diseases and conditions
  - (categories are added when the evidence base justifies it)



## “Service Delivery” includes available information on:

### **Client Groups**

- Children and young people
- Older people
- People with disabilities
- People with long term & chronic conditions
- Women
- Gypsies and travellers
- Refugees and asylum seekers

### **Service Sectors**

- Primary care
- Secondary / hospital care
- Accident & emergency
- Health promotion and preventive services
- Voluntary and community sector

### **Clinical Professions**

- Doctors
- Nurses



## **“Cultural Competence” presents information on:**

- Diet
- Language and Communication
- Life Events
  - Birth
  - Death
- Religion
- Traditional medicines & treatments

## **“Management and Policy” contains information on:**

- Race equality
- Human resources
- Ethnic record keeping
- Research and development





## Types of materials...

Five types of material are available:

1. Guidance & Pathways
2. Evidence (i.e. published papers)
3. Reference (i.e. reports, conferences, research projects)
4. Education/Continuing Professional Development
5. Patient Information  
(includes translated leaflets)



## **Evidence is regularly updated through...**

- Regular monitoring of National Core Content (e.g. Cochrane)
- Systematic searching of approved databases & websites, regular 'horizon scanning'
- Postings on other specialist collections & discussion lists
- Recommendation by experts and users
- Contacts with key researchers
- Interchange with European & other international organisations

**All content undergoes quality assurance checks before it is added**



## We have made searching for evidence easy.....

- Use the 'Search' box – insert keywords for the group and/or disease of interest
- Click on the 'taxonomy' list (topic list) on the left hand side. Scan across for 'evidence', 'research', 'guidelines' and 'patient information' (by any of the four topic areas e.g. 'Diseases and Conditions' or one of the subsets, e.g. 'oral')
- Get extra information by reading our Articles (which provide concise summaries on key subjects)
- Use our 'Help' pages (including 'Welcome to New Users' and 'What are Ethnic Groups' )



## We also provide 'Annual Evidence Updates' on key topics. These are....

- Written by experts in the field
- Based on evidence becoming available in the last year
- Contain references to new and important resources
- This year's topics (October 2009) included:
  - Obesity and South Asian Children
  - Ethnic Cancer Data,
  - Public Mental Health,
  - Differences in Drug Response
- **We also offer updates on topical issues, (e.g. Minority/migrants & Swine Flu (A/H1N1))**
- Previous annual evidence updates are accessible in our archive



## The website also includes...

- Cultural Calendar – presented monthly including important cultural, religious and secular dates in the annual calendar
- News – latest academic journals/publications, newspapers and government/public authority publications, with links to the evidence
- Events – details of forthcoming conferences etc
- Recent Publications – highlighting new research in the field of ethnicity and health (with links to access them)
- RSS Feed – enables you to sign up and receive notification of new resources added to the collection
- ‘Contact us’ – allows you to send us suggestions and queries



## Finally, we now produce a bi-monthly update...

This is emailed directly to users and contains:

- News
- Resources added to the collection during the previous two months
- Events – including conferences and training sessions with a focus on ethnicity
- An invitation to contribute to the collection

**Sign up by sending an e-mail to: [sleh@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:sleh@dmu.ac.uk)  
(or use the link on our front page!)**



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