

How to Keep Up With the Clinical Literature on Nicotine/Smoking

1. My NCBI (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/myncbi/>)

I set up a monthly search for articles in last 30 days with terms “nicotin* OR smok* OR tobacco OR cigar*” in title. This gives about 500 citations a month to browse titles.

2. Clinical trials register (www.clinicaltrials.gov for US studies and <https://www.clinicaltrialsregister.eu/> for European studies)

Good sources for in progress studies to look at when deciding on whether to do a study. This is often not updated so I email the PI to find out where they are with the study and whether they know of others doing similar studies.

3. NIH Reporter (<http://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter.cfm>)

List of all NIH grants that can be searched by keywords. Again good to look when deciding on a study

4. Tables of Contents

Many journals will send you tables of contents. This is good to find similar studies but in other areas –eg. studies of “drug use” or “health behavior” that include smoking. The ones I find most relevant are Addiction, Addictive Behaviors, Am J Public Health, Drug and Alcohol Dependence, Journal of Smoking Cessation, Nicotine and Tobacco Research, Psychology of Addictive Behaviors, and Tobacco Control.

5. Abstracts from SRNT meetings (<http://www.srnt.org/conferences/index.cfm>)

This is now searchable by topic. But remember typically 1/3 of these are never published and thus methodological rigor of some may be limited.