

## **Low-income countries: one-click FREE access to an additional healthcare resource**



Duodecim Medical Publications Ltd and Wiley-Blackwell announced that effective immediately, one-click access to [EBM Guidelines](#) will be free for residents of 47 countries in the World Bank's list of low-income economies (countries with a Gross National Income (GNI) per capita \$935 or less).

“The take home message from The Cochrane Colloquium in Freiburg this year was that more should be done to reduce the health gap between High and Low Income countries. It seemed the right thing to do” said Ilkka Kunnamo, editor in Chief of EBM Guidelines, “especially in view of the demand from these countries to be given access to practical health tools for local knowledge translation.

“Last year Wiley-Blackwell and The Cochrane Collaboration decided to open up one-click free access to [The Cochrane Library](#) to all low-income countries via IP address recognition. This year we gladly embraced Duodecim's wish to do the same with EBM Guidelines” added Deborah Pentesco-Gilbert, Associate Editorial Director at John Wiley and Publisher of The Cochrane Library.

Wiley-Blackwell participates in several programs that promote scientific research and development in low and middle income countries including HINARI and INASP.

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Duodecim Medical Publications Ltd. based in Helsinki, Finland is the largest medical publisher in Scandinavia and specializes in medical publishing for health care professionals as well as for the general public. Duodecim textbooks, handbooks, practical guidebooks, electronic databases, nationwide portal service and mobile databases offer a wide and versatile source of information. Duodecim Medical Publications Ltd. is 100% owned by [The Finnish Medical Society Duodecim](#), established in 1881. The heritage of the society guides the company's activities in publishing reliable medical information.

### **About EBM Guidelines**

EBM Guidelines is an online aid in both diagnostic improvement and patient care. It fills the need for a resource addressing the diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of diseases and conditions encountered by health care professionals. EBM Guidelines contains practical guidance, concise evidence summaries and high-quality images and videos. Free access is available directly via <http://ebmg.wiley.com> for the following low-income countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Benin , Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic , Chad, Comoros, Congo, Dem. Rep , Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea ,Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea , Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kenya, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao PDR, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal , Sierra Leone , Solomon Islands, Somalia, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Yemen, Rep. , Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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### **About The Cochrane Library**

The Cochrane Library contains high quality health care information, including Systematic Reviews from The Cochrane Collaboration. These Reviews bring together research on the effects of health care and are considered the gold standard for determining the relative effectiveness of different interventions. Wiley-Blackwell publishes The Cochrane Library for The Cochrane Collaboration ([www.cochrane.org](http://www.cochrane.org)) a UK registered international charity and the world's leading producer of systematic Reviews. Access to The Cochrane Library for low-income countries is via [www.thecochranelibrary.com](http://www.thecochranelibrary.com) .

### **About World Bank Classification and Low Income Countries**

For operational and analytical purposes, the World Bank's main criterion for classifying economies is gross national income (GNI) per capita. Based on its GNI per capita, every economy is classified as low income, middle income (subdivided into lower middle and upper middle), or high income You can view the list of countries here [http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/DATASTATISTICS/0,,contentMDK:20421402~pagePK:64133150~piPK:64133175~theSitePK:239419,00.html#Low\\_income](http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/DATASTATISTICS/0,,contentMDK:20421402~pagePK:64133150~piPK:64133175~theSitePK:239419,00.html#Low_income). For more information about World Bank, visit <http://web.worldbank.org>

### **About HINARI Access to Research Initiative**

The HINARI program, set up by WHO, together with major publishers and Yale University Library, enables developing countries to gain access to one of the world's largest collections of biomedical and health literature see [www.who.int/hinari](http://www.who.int/hinari) for more information.

### **About INASP**

INASP ([www.inasp.info](http://www.inasp.info)) is a pioneering charity working in the field of research communication. Founded in 1992, we support scholarly communication and networks with particular emphasis on the needs of developing and emerging countries. We seek to achieve this by responding to country-specific priorities through the support and enhancement of 4 key areas:

1. National capacities to use, create, manage and disseminate information and knowledge;
2. Access to international information and knowledge;
3. National, regional and international cooperation, learning and knowledge exchange;
4. Communication with national and international organisations through advising and advocating on the needs and role of communication, knowledge and networks in achieving development goals.

Cochrane works with INASP through PERii (PERI two), the second five-year phase of INASP's Programme for the Enhancement of Research Information. PERii works with partners to support global research communication by strengthening:

- The existing knowledge and skills of people working in research communication;
  - Participation in international knowledge networks;
  - Research communication policy and practice.
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