



NHS OpenAthens

An NHS OpenAthens account is your key to unlocking access to all the online library resources. They are free to set up and use, and are available to all trust staff and learners.



Library & Knowledge Service

Facilitating evidence-based decision
making at East Cheshire NHS Trust





<https://openathens.nice.org.uk>

What is Athens?

The terms OpenAthens or Athens are often used interchangeably, but they are one and the same, and describe a service for authenticating and gaining access to online resources that NHS organisations subscribe to. An Athens account gives you access to a range of resources including healthcare databases, eJournals, eBooks and online resources. It simplifies access to subscription-based content by giving users a single, personal username and password. Having an Athens account is the key to being able to access online content. Athens accounts are free to set up and use.

Who is eligible for an NHS Athens account?

All NHS staff are entitled to an NHS Athens account. Certain other groups who provide services to the NHS can also register. A complete list of eligible people can be found online: <https://www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/evidence-services/journals-and-databases/openathens>

How do I register?

- 1** Go to <https://openathens.nice.org.uk>.
If possible, register using your NHS email address and use a PC on the trust network.
- 2** Complete the form. Ensure you select 'East Cheshire NHS Trust' in the Organisation field.
- 3** If you register at work your account should be created immediately. If you register from elsewhere you may receive an email to say your account needs to be verified. This usually takes a day or two.
- 4** You will receive an email from OpenAthens with an activation code. Click the link to finish creating your account and set the password.

What resources will I have access to?

Databases: including Medline, Embase & CINAHL.

eBooks: over 1000 books are available full text, including full text access to the Royal Marsden Manual and Maudsley Prescribing Guidelines.

eJournals: several thousand titles are available. Check which titles you can access: www.browzine.com/libraries/1293

NHS Knowledge & Library Hub: search all the national and local e-resources from a single platform.

BMJ Best Practice is a clinical decision-support tool for use at the point of care.

BMJ Learning: evidence-based, interactive e-learning modules, including resources for revalidation and appraisals.

BNF & BNF for Children.

UpToDate: an evidence based clinical decision support tool.

Anatomy.tv: interactive anatomy tool.

How can I move my Athens account from another NHS Trust?

You can transfer your Athens account to East Cheshire. This will make sure that you receive access to the resources provided by us. Log in to Athens: <https://openathens.nice.org.uk>. Select the **Change organisation** link in the left-hand menu. In the 'Organisation' box select **East Cheshire NHS Trust** and update your contact details, click **Change**. Your details will be sent to the Athens Administrator who will need to approve your eligibility.

Training and Help

Additional information is available on the library website: eastcheshirenhslibrary.net/evidence-resources/athens/

We offer tailored 1-to-1 help and support to use any of the Athens resources, including literature search training. eastcheshirenhslibrary.net/library-services/training/

Further information

For additional help or information contact the Library & Knowledge Service:



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