

# Creating and using an OpenAthens account

## What is an OpenAthens account?

Athens is the system that controls access to online resources such as e-journals and databases.

You will need your username and password to login to access any of the free NHS resources available to you.

## Who can have an OpenAthens account?

Anyone working for or on placement within the NHS in England can register for an OpenAthens account.

## What if I have a university Athens account?

Your university Athens username and password will only allow you to access online resources purchased by your university; you will need to register for an NHS OpenAthens account in addition.

## How do I register for an OpenAthens account?

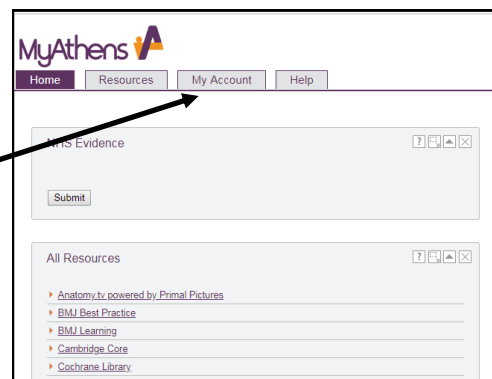
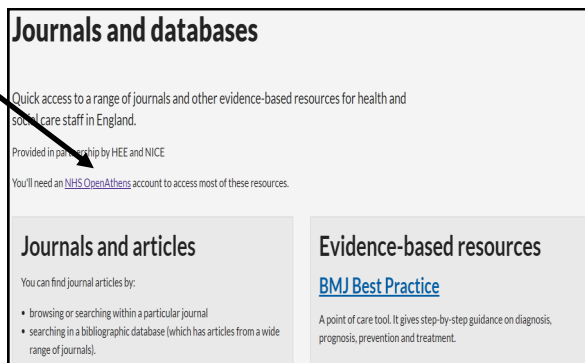
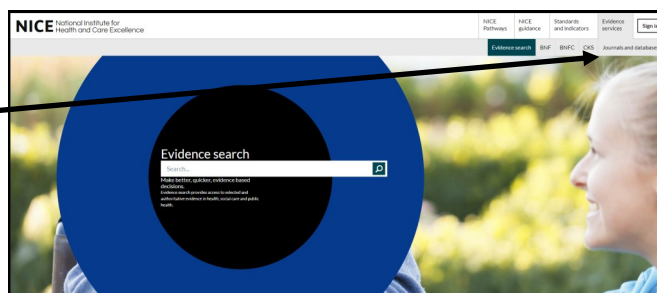
Go to: [www.evidence.nhs.uk](http://www.evidence.nhs.uk)

1. Click on 'Journals and Databases'
  2. Click on 'NHS OpenAthens' and follow link to register
  3. Read the eligibility criteria to ensure that you are eligible to access NHS-purchased online content.
  4. Enter your email address.
  5. Select the organisation you work for or are on placement at.
  6. Enter your personal details.
  7. Select the tick box to accept the terms and conditions before selecting 'Submit'.
  8. Your OpenAthens account details will be confirmed on screen; make a note of your username.
  9. An account activation email will be sent to your email address. Follow the instructions in the email. You must activate your account before you can use it.
  10. You will be asked to choose a password.
- Follow the on-screen instructions and you will be taken to the **MyAthens** website.

On the **MyAthens** website you can:

- View all the free NHS resources you are eligible to access in the Resources section.
- Reset your password in the My Account section.

**N.B. If you have any difficulty registering for an account, try a different Internet Browser such as Microsoft Edge**



## What if I forget my log-in details?

Please contact the library and ask for the Athens Administrator.

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