Question #2: I need a search of the diagnosis of, I think he said, Clostridium infection. I thought I had read something recently, but my attending physician wants the latest literature.
- Are you interested in specific populations like children or women, or just general diagnosis information?

HCP: The patient we were working with when he asked is an adult male.
- Thank you, are there any other considerations that I can use to find more helpful results?

HCP: Sorry but he just asked for the latest literature on clostridium infection diagnosis.
- Okay, here are some articles I found with some information about clostridium infection diagnosis. The articles were all published within the last year. Please let me know if I can be of any more assistance.

**Strategy #1 - PubMed**

I went to PubMed and selected heading, this time searching for “clostridium infection”. I selected the subheading diagnosis and added the terms to the search builder. I limited my results to those from 2014 or later. It took a little bit of scrolling but the 14th result mentioned diagnosis. I viewed similar articles and was able to find a few more diagnosis articles but also a lot of noise so I returned to my original MeSH search and browsed through a few more articles and their similar articles.


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**Strategy #2 – CINAHL Plus**

I chose CINAHL because it sounded like the HCP could be a nurse. I began by search for “clostridium infection” and “diagnosis” but returned too many results about treatment and control. After seeing that clostridium infections is a major heading, I changed my search from an any field search to a major heading search and changed diagnosis to a title search. I limited my results to those from 2015 and 2016 and returned only three results, one of which was about pediatrics. I changed diagnosis back to any search but again returned too many results about treatment and other areas that were unimportant to the questioner. I tried diagnosis as a subject but again had little luck with useful results.

Next I went back to one of the original articles I’d found and saw that CI diagnosis was a minor subject heading and clicked the link then limited the results to 2015-2016. This led to 51 results, but again very few regarding diagnosis. I browsed all 51 and only found two more articles that seemed to have specific information about CI diagnosis. It seemed like many articles were filed under CI diagnosis simply because they were about CI even if diagnosis was only briefly mentioned.


