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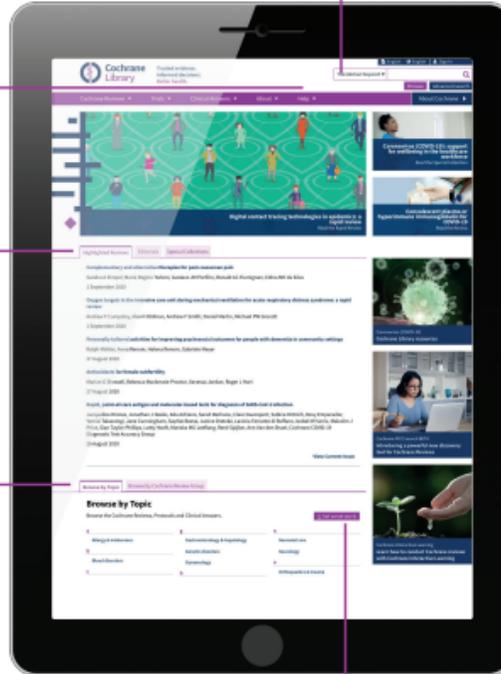There are several options to browse and search the Cochrane Library.

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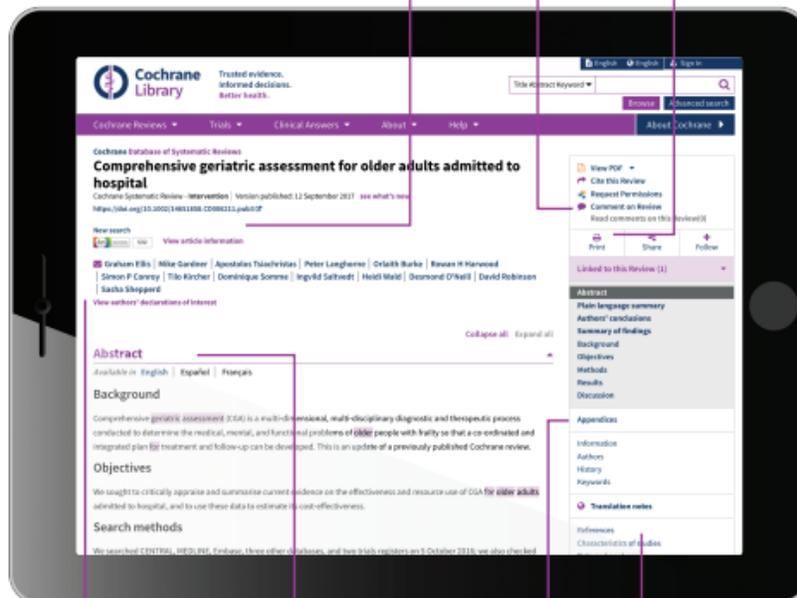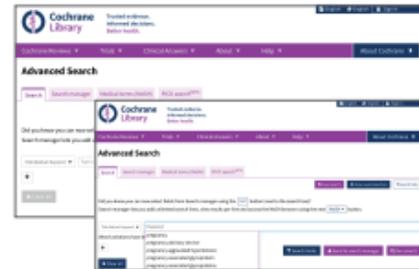Scroll down on the homepage to browse by topic or Cochrane Review Group.

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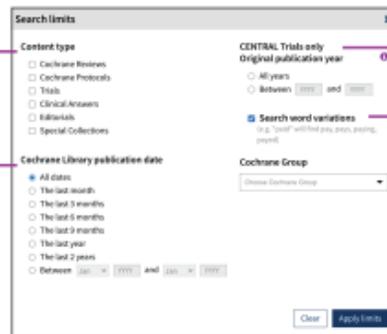
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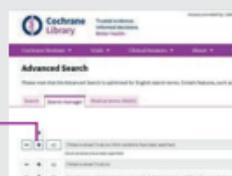Use 'Export' for a print-friendly copy of your search.

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