

**Table 6. Electronic EBM Resources—Secondary Sources of Evidence Fee Based**

Source	Location	Cost	Advantages	Disadvantages
<b>MedicalInfoRetriever®</b> Database of 1500+ validated studies, a set of decision rules and clinical calculators, the Cochrane Database drug information, evidence-based clinical guidelines, POEMS, and the Five-Minute Clinical Consult. Available on the web, desktop, and pocket PC	web: <a href="http://www.medicalinfo retriever.com">www.medicalinfo retriever.com</a>	Annual fee; quarterly updates included	Point-of-care access to information; convenient by pocket PC; regularly updated; user friendly with multiple search options	Time investment to learn proper use of software; cost
<b>InfoPOEMS®</b> Carefully chosen research sent to you via a daily e-mail synopsis; monthly, the complete set is compiled and sent for your additional review	web: <a href="http://www.infopoems.com">www.infopoems.com</a>	Same as Medical InfoRetriever	Daily evidence reminders	Not associated with patient encounters
<b>Cochrane Library®</b> Published by the Cochrane Collaboration with centers in 15 countries; 50 topic-based collaborative reviews groups with 600 members	web: <a href="http://www.updateusa.com/clubhome/club.htm">www.updateusa.com/clubhome/club.htm</a>	Annual fee (see Table 4) for free abstracts)	Full version includes database of 1200 systematic reviews, abstracts of reviews of effectiveness, controlled trials, methodology reviews; 325,000 references	Requires knowledge of EBM terminology; not practical for point of care
<b>Clinical Evidence®</b> International source of evidence; available in print, CD ROM, and online access (from <i>BMJ</i> )	web: <a href="http://www.clinicalevidence.org">www.clinicalevidence.org</a>	Annual fee with several option packages	Regular updates	Organized by systems; takes practice
<b>Best Evidence 5®</b> Nearly 2000 abstracts and commentaries from ACP Journal Club and Evidence-Based Medicine and the full text of Diagnostic Strategies for Common Medical Problems, second edition, together on one portable CD-ROM	web: <a href="http://www.acponline.org/catalog/electronic/best_evidence.htm">www.acponline.org/catalog/electronic/best_evidence.htm</a>	Purchase CD-ROM	Navigate the database by organ system, site-specific, and population-specific disciplines to quickly review major clinical topics; clinical content map makes it easy to narrow your search parameters and access a short list of highly relevant articles	Not automatically updated; must be ordered when next edition published