Case Study: Covering international literature is impossible without Embase

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SUMMARY
Discover how Farhad Shokraneh of University of Nottingham uses Embase for evidence synthesis at the School of Medicine.
“Covering international literature is impossible without Embase. I have no recollection of any other database to be including literature from any language and any country besides indexing so many conferences.”

— Farhad Shokraneh, Research Fellow  
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What is your institute’s focus?  
- Teaching and Learning  
- Research and Innovation  
- Healthcare

How long have you been working at University of Nottingham?  
For 7 years.

What is the focus of your work?  
Evidence synthesis is the focus or my work and I manage the largest database of schizophrenia trials to update over 340 systematic reviews.

What inspires and motivates you?  
Contributing to people’s life through research so they live longer, better, wiser, and more equal.

What keeps you awake at night?  
Imperfect world that could easily be better if we work together.

How does Embase support you?  
I usually start developing my search strategy using Embase because when I translate the syntax into other databases’ syntax there is no need to add new terms which means Embase covers all the terms I need for designing a sensitive search. It is inclusive of MeSH terms – either as text word or controlled terms – and also has the words collected from semi-automated indexing that adds to sensitivity of keyword identification process.

Would you recommend Embase to your colleagues?  
I do. Either they are clinicians or from industry and depending on their information need there are specific tools such as Pharmacovigilance, medical device search, or PICO search which is matching their need and their level of search expertise. For researchers and information specialists/librarians there is no need for recommendation. They already know Embase.
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