

CASE STUDY

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Edith Clausen, Research Librarian at Aarhus University Hospital

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**SUMMARY**

Edith Clausen discusses how she uses Embase to ensure that the research staff members at Aarhus University Hospital have the right information for their work.

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## 3 THINGS YOU LIKE ABOUT EMBASE

1. Easy to make combinatory searches
2. Possible to search for drugs, diseases and devices
3. Strong organization giving excellent focus on specific fields

### What is your institute’s focus?

Aarhus University Hospital is a collaborative institution involving the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Aarhus and hospital units in the Central and North regions of Jutland. It has three main functions: clinical work, research, and education.

### How long have you been with Aarhus University Hospital?

I’ve been a research librarian here for 15 years. Prior to that I was at Esbjerg University for 25 years.

### What is the focus of your work?

I work together with the staff at the university hospital to find research literature. I also show them how to use reference tools effectively and make evaluations. My own research focuses on the dissemination of knowledge. My key responsibility is to always ensure that we as a team have found all of the information that is most relevant to our research.

### What inspires and motivates you?

I get a great deal of satisfaction out of seeing how worlds of information open up to my colleagues when I show them the optimal means of finding what they need.

### What keeps you awake at night?

The main challenge we have is finding the right information for our research and not wasting our time on irrelevant results. We always have a lot of work because the research staff needs us to support them comprehensively. They don’t know all the databases and user interfaces; we do.

### How does Embase support you?

Embase helps me quickly and confidently find what the research staff need.

### Would you recommend Embase to your colleagues?

Embase is a must when you search medical literature. If you haven’t searched Embase, MEDLINE, and the Cochrane Library, then you haven’t done your work as a research librarian!