Primary and Secondary literature play important roles in Evidence Based Medicine.

Primary literature

* Primary literature consists of original materials authored by researchers and is typically published in peer-reviewed journals. It may also include conference papers, pre-prints, or preliminary reports. Primary research articles describe one research project or study.

Secondary literature

* Secondary literature synthesizes, filters, and evaluates the primary research literature, aiming to disseminate and incorporate valid clinical research findings into medical practice.
* Types of secondary literature include:
* Systematic Reviews
* Meta-analyses
* Evidence Based Practice Guidelines
* Critically Appraised Topics (CATs)
* Decision Analyses/Decision Tools
* Consensus Development Reports