

eHLbc Core Suite Watercooler and Q&A

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What is the Core Suite?

The eHLbc Core Suite is a multi-year, multi-vendor license consisting of nine health resources. It renews every four years. The Core Suite includes:

- APA PsycArticle
- APA PsycInfo
- Biomedical Reference Collection: Comprehensive Edition
- CINAHL Complete
- eBook Nursing Collection
- Evidence-Based Medicine Reviews
- LWW Total Access Collection with Neurology
- MEDLINE
- MEDLINE with Full Text

Core Suite Renewal Process and Timeline

The eHLbc Core Suite Renewal Team has been working to renew the Core Suite for the 2026-2030 term for over a year.

- **Fall 2024:** Survey of eHLbc membership about Core Suite
- **February 2025:** Sharing of survey results with membership
 - 87% response rate, 100% responded that the Core Suite meets their needs
- **Summer- Fall 2025:** Discussion and negotiations with Core Suite vendors
- **Fall 2025:** Conclusion of negotiations with Core Suite vendors, preparation of Core Suite webpages and Case for Renewal

Outcomes of 2026-2030 Renewal Process

- Low annual increases over the 2026-2030 term
- Significant cost savings for eHLbc members on each Core Suite resource
- Permanent reduction in Core Suite lump sum cost in response to closure of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (CPSBC) Library

The Core Suite Web

The Core Suite Web and its associated webpages provide for eHLbc members all relevant information about the Core Suite 2026-2030 renewal, including:

- Breakdowns of individual member pricing
- Vendor costs
- Annual increases
- Supplementary information and information for administrators, including the Case for Renewal, which illustrates the benefits of and cost-savings for institutions through licensing the Core Suite



Demo of the Core Suite Web

Logging into the Core Suite Web

From the eHLbc homepage, click on "eResources", then "Core Suite", then "2026-30 Renewal". You will be prompted to log into the Core Suite web.



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2026-30 Renewal

eHLbc's [Core Suite](#) bundle of resources is set to expire March 31, 2026. eHLbc has initiated a renewal process for the Core Suite bundle. The goal is to finalize negotiations for the 2026–2030 Core Suite by Fall 2025.

Please refer to the right-hand navigation pane - under 2026-30 Renewal - for webpages designed to support member organizations in their Core Suite decision-making process.

You will need to [log in](#) to see the full menu of pages. **If you do not remember your password**, please select "Request New Password."

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About the Core Suite

Info and history on Core Suite resources

Since its inception over ten years ago, the eHLbc consortium has licensed a Core Suite of resources. The Core Suite is a multi-year bundle consisting of EBSCO and Ovid products. Licensing the Core Suite is a requirement of eHLbc membership (affiliate members may choose to subscribe to a portion of the Core Suite). The current [Core Suite](#) consists of:

- APA PsycArticles (EBSCO)
- APA PsycInfo (EBSCO)
- Biomedical Reference Collection: Comprehensive Edition (EBSCO)
- CINAHL Complete (EBSCO)
- eBook Nursing Collection (EBSCO)
- Evidence Based Medicine Reviews (Ovid)
- LWW Total Access Collection with Neurology (Ovid)
- Medline (Ovid)
- Medline with Full Text (EBSCO)

Membership Fees

[Membership fees](#) are determined in consultation with the Management Committee when the Core Suite is renewed. These annual fees are set for the duration of the Core Suite subscription period (typically 3-4 years).

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Link to membership fee breakdowns by sector; fees per organization for both full and affiliate members



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Note: This timeline may change as the process evolves; changes will be communicated.

November 2024 – February 2025

- Launch Core Suite survey to All Member Group to gather feedback on Core Suite products and the renewal process
- Confirm any new potential members
- Launch Core Suite Web; add information as received
- Communicate with vendors; request pricing proposals

March – June 2025

- Update Management Committee on proposed pricing
- Consult with Management Committee on Administrative Fee and cost-sharing model
- Confirm Health Authorities cost-sharing model for Core Suite and membership fees
- Share Core Suite proposal with eHLbc All Member Group; gather input from members
- Data collection of student, practitioner, and government employee FTEs and headcounts
- Assemble and share additional information as required
- [Optional] Hold Q&A sessions

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Evolving page detailing Core Suite renewal process

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Title Lists

- [APA PsycArticles](#)
- [APA PsycInfo](#)
- [Biomedical Reference Collection: Comprehensive Edition](#)
- [CINAHL Complete](#)
- [eBooks Nursing Collection](#)
 - Additions made 4x per year (January, April, July, October)
 - Removals 2 per year (January, July)
 - Additions/removals updates: <https://connect.ebsco.com/s/article/eBook-Subscription-Updates?language=...> or via EBSCO listserv
- [Evidence Based Medicine Reviews](#)
- [LWW Total Access Collection](#) (see What's Included tab for contents)
- [Ovid MEDLINE](#) (see Collections tab for contents of each collection)
- [EBSCO MEDLINE with Full Text](#)

Usage stats

Ovid:

- [Ovid Database & Journal Stats](#)

EBSCO and APA:

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Links to titles included in Core Suite resources

Usage statistics on Core Suite resources by vendor (can be downloaded)

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In Fall 2024, the eHLbc Administrative Centre [surveyed eHLbc organizations](#) to gauge member satisfaction with the current Core Suite resources, as well as information needs and preferred communication tools that would support investigating a renewal. With 100% of survey respondents indicating that the Core Suite met their organization's needs, the Admin Centre moved forward with negotiations.

As a reminder, the current Core Suite, which runs from 2022-2026, is a four-year deal intended to offer stability and increase affordability of crucial health resources for the province. Licensing the Core Suite is a requirement of eHLbc membership.

Throughout Summer/Fall 2025, the eHLbc Administrative Centre worked to share information with members via the Core Suite Web, and discussed options in negotiations with vendors (see below). After several months of negotiations, a proposal has been offered for eHLbc member organizations to review and discuss.

Key Pages

- [2026 Core Suite Proposal Details](#) - breakdown of Core Suite resource costs and annual increases across the four year term
- [Core Suite Pricing](#) - annual costs for Core Suite subscription by organization (**all prices in USD**)
- [Retail Pricing](#) - at the request of member organizations, the Admin Centre asked vendors for Core Suite resources' retail pricing

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Links to pricing details by vendor and product; costs for each organization; and retail pricing comparisons.



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Messages pertaining to the 2026-30 Core Suite Renewal are archived here. Questions? Contact leahh@bceln.ca.

- February 18, 2025: [Core Suite Update Message](#) (email)
 - [Core Suite Member Survey Report](#) (February 2025)
- October 29, 2024: [Core Suite Renewal Announcement and Member Input Survey Invite](#) (email)

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Communications to eHLbc members related to the Core Suite

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Case for Renewal 2026-2030

At the request of several members via our Core Suite Renewal survey, a brief document called the *Case for Renewal* was created to explain the Core Suite and outline pricing for each member organization over the next four years. It is a useful tool to share with administrators.

Please do not share this document outside your organization or with vendors, as it contains confidential pricing information.

Download the [eHLbc Case for Renewal 2026-2030](#).

Download the Case for Renewal 2026-2030 here (note: contains confidential pricing information!)

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