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# CFDB (Cystic Fibrosis DataBase)

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**CFDB** (Cystic Fibrosis DataBase)

[www.cfdb.eu](http://www.cfdb.eu)

**FREE ACCESS**

compatible with smartphone and tablet



# What is CFDB?

- Activated in 2011. Funded by Italian FFC.
- It is a database with more than 1,300 articles on the **clinical effectiveness of interventions** in cystic fibrosis
- It also includes 50 thematic sheets on relevant clinical issues in CF which critically summarize the state of available evidence



CFDB was ideated to classify **clinical** studies to get answers to specific questions:

Which **interventions** are **effective**,  
in which groups of **CF patients** and for which outcomes?

To what extent do the results of the literature allow to make decisions for specific **clinical issues**?

What issues need to be studied further?



**This tool may help  
clinicians,  
researchers,  
students**

**to have a faster updated view of clinical research in CF by using queries on the main topics in CF care.**

**It could also be helpful to anyone going to design new studies, as it provides a concise description of what is currently known and what issues, on the contrast, need additional research.**



**A project team of clinicians with a leader expert in epidemiological and clinical research skills**

**searched in bio-medical databases and trials registries**

**and included all studies involving clinical interventions in CF**

**Cochrane Systematic Reviews and Protocols,  
HTA reports,  
Economic reviews,  
published RCT,  
published non-RCT,  
congress abstracts and ongoing trials.**



Studies were **categorized and classified**,

according to a dictionary of keywords and then a user-friendly website was built

allowing to define **queries** starting from one or more types of pathological conditions and one or more interventions.

The database **is regularly updated and revised** to improve the quality of data.





# What can you do with CFDB?

You can **build a query**, selecting terms from search menus

You can also **select one or more citations** and read the details of the studies

You can read updated **summaries** (Related topics) on the state of the art of the most relevant topics in CF

**querying**  
by keywords  
or free text,  
by author,  
by year

## SEARCH ARTICLES (7)

at least one term  all terms

[Advanced search](#)

## QUICK MENU

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- Keywords
- Title
- Study Design
- Participants
- Interventions
- Outcome Measures
- Main Results
- Authors' Conclusions



# Fifty summary thematic topics

...on the more relevant clinical themes in CF,  
critically summarizing

- 1) **what is known** - the state of the art of the available evidence  
- and
- 2) the **unresolved questions** - what still needs to be clarified  
with future research.



## LATEST TOPICS

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▣ Vaccination program in cystic fibrosis

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▣ Antibiotics for pulmonary  
exacerbations

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▣ Inhaled antibiotics in cystic fibrosis

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▣ Calorie supplements in cystic fibrosis

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▣ Screening in cystic fibrosis

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▣ Inhaled corticosteroids

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▣ Agents which reduce gastric acidity in  
cystic fibrosis

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▣ CFTR modulators therapy

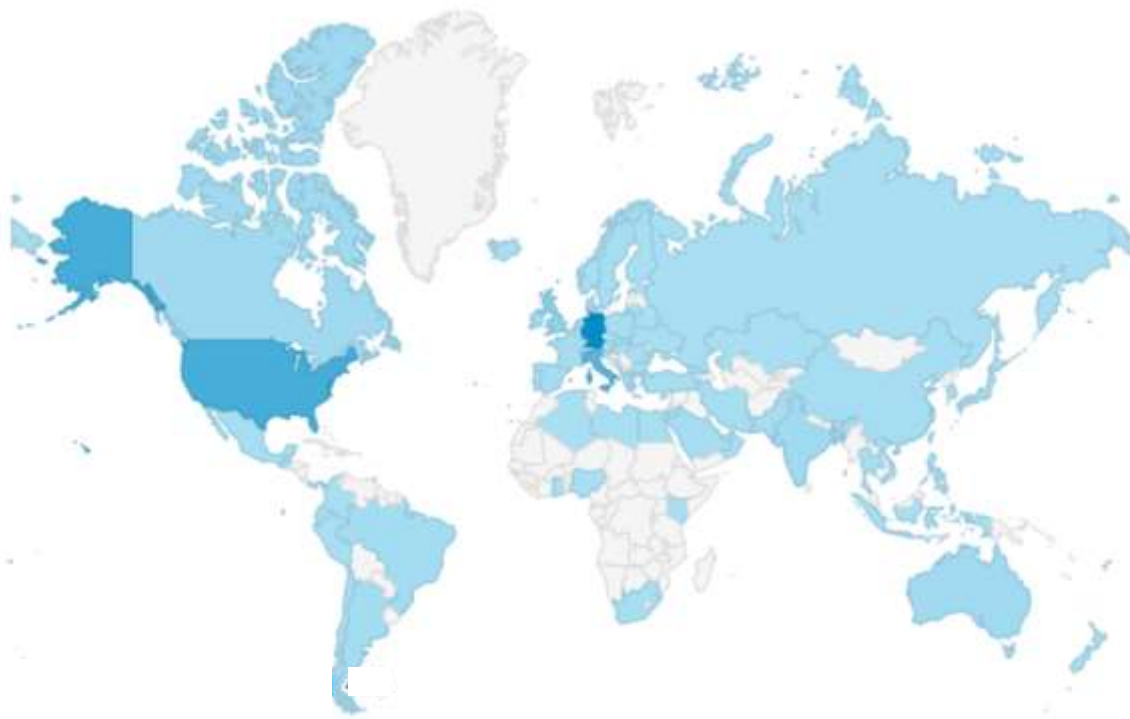
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▣ Chronic use of dornase alfa  
(pulmozyme) in patients > 6 years old



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