

Better Evidence for Providers



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Better Evidence for Providers Program

- Provides free, one-year, renewable UpToDate subscriptions for individual health care providers serving vulnerable populations
- Since its founding in 2009, the Better Evidence for Providers program has facilitated more than **100,000 free UpToDate subscriptions** for qualified health professionals in over **150 countries**

"I had previously used UpToDate when I had access via my university as a student. It provided reliable and trustworthy information that I often used to study. Currently, I have been without access for 2 years and have been in many situations where it would have been useful. I often find myself without adequate supervision or with a supervisor that I don't fully trust and need evidence-based answers for managing a patient. This is particularly challenging when I don't have adequate supervision or a trustworthy reference like UpToDate. Next year, I will be practicing in a deeply rural community in my country with very limited support. UpToDate will be an invaluable resource in this setting and will significantly impact my patient care."

-- Medical Intern, South Africa

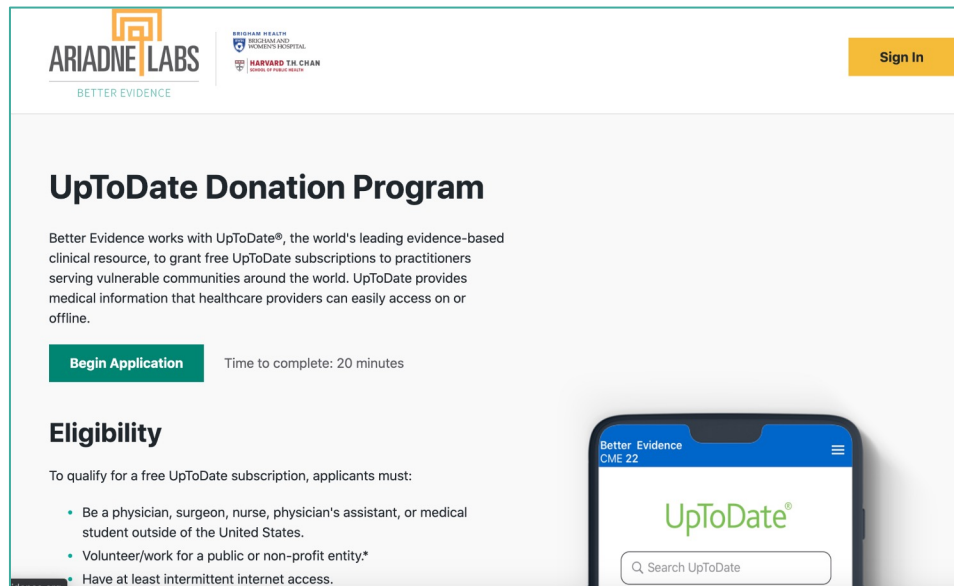
Better Evidence for Providers: Program Eligibility

To qualify for the Better Evidence for Providers Program, applicants must:

- Be a physician, surgeon, nurse, physician's assistant, or medical student outside of the United States.
- Volunteer/work for a public or non-profit entity.*
- Have at least intermittent internet access.
- Be able to complete the application in English.
- Explain how their work directly aligns with our program aim.
- Verify that neither they nor their institution can afford UpToDate.

*Providers at for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply. If they work or train at multiple sites, they should indicate the public/non-profit site in their application.

Better Evidence for Providers: Program Application



The screenshot shows the 'UpToDate Donation Program' page on the Better Evidence website. At the top left are the Ariadne Labs logo and the Brigham and Women's Hospital logo. A 'Sign In' button is in the top right. The main heading is 'UpToDate Donation Program'. Below it, a paragraph explains that Better Evidence works with UpToDate to grant free subscriptions to practitioners serving vulnerable communities. A green 'Begin Application' button is followed by the text 'Time to complete: 20 minutes'. An 'Eligibility' section lists requirements: being a healthcare professional outside the US, volunteering for a public or non-profit entity, and having internet access. A smartphone at the bottom displays the UpToDate app interface.

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Sign In

UpToDate Donation Program

Better Evidence works with UpToDate®, the world's leading evidence-based clinical resource, to grant free UpToDate subscriptions to practitioners serving vulnerable communities around the world. UpToDate provides medical information that healthcare providers can easily access on or offline.

Begin Application Time to complete: 20 minutes

Eligibility

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- Volunteer/work for a public or non-profit entity.*
- Have at least intermittent internet access.

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- The application takes about **20 minutes** to complete
- Application processing typically takes **30 - 45 days total** but can be longer if we are receiving large volumes of applications
- Updates and award decisions will be sent **via email**

Apply at: <https://www.better-evidence.org/>

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- First, the applicant will need to **indicate which medical site they are working or training at**. If serving at multiple sites, please indicate the public / non-profit one.
- This will be done by selecting what country they are in, and then searching if their site is already registered in our portal.
- If the site is not yet registered, they can add it. However, we suggest conducting a thorough search before adding a new site as it may slow application review.

Medical Facility

Please search for and select the medical facility at which you see patients. To search for your medical facility, please select your country and/or begin typing in your medical facility name to narrow results. If you cannot find your site, please try searching using abbreviations, acronyms, or your city. Once you find your medical facility in the drop down options, select "set as my site".

If you cannot find your medical facility in our database, you may select "Add my medical facility", *but please note this selection may result in a longer application review process, so we highly suggest conducting a thorough search before selecting this option.*


Local facility country *

Botswana

Narrow your results with your medical facility's name or city

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Botswana Harvard AIDS Institute
Gaborone

 Set as my site

Facility not found?

No problem! Continue your application by adding your medical facility's details.

**Add my medical
facility**

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The applicant will answer basic demographic and contact questions:

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Program aim: To ensure healthcare workers in resource-limited settings can access UpToDate.

First Name/Given Name *

Last Name/Family Name *

Title/Degree

Select all that apply

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DO | <input type="checkbox"/> MBChB | <input type="checkbox"/> PA | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MBA | <input type="checkbox"/> MD | <input type="checkbox"/> PhD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MBBS | <input type="checkbox"/> MPH | <input type="checkbox"/> RN | |

If other was selected, please describe.

What is your preferred salutation for correspondence?

(For example: Dr. Smith, Ms. Jane, etc.)

Please select the gender with which you most closely identify. *

- ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Prefer not to answer

What is your age? *

Preferred phone number *

And other questions about their role:

I provide direct medical care to patients. *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

On average, how many patients do you see in a week? *

I am paid for the services I provide at this site. *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

What is your role/profession? *

Select all that apply

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physician | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical registrar | <input type="checkbox"/> Physician assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical librarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surgeon | <input type="checkbox"/> House officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse practitioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical intern | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacist | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical doctor | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical specialist | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate | |

If other was selected, please describe.

What is your primary medical specialty? *

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Allergy and immunology | <input type="radio"/> Geriatrics | <input type="radio"/> Ophthalmology | <input type="radio"/> Rheumatology |
| <input type="radio"/> Anesthesiology | <input type="radio"/> Hematology | <input type="radio"/> Orthopedic surgery | <input type="radio"/> Sleep medicine |
| <input type="radio"/> Cardiology | <input type="radio"/> Hospital medicine | <input type="radio"/> Otorhinolaryngology | <input type="radio"/> Sports medicine |
| <input type="radio"/> Dermatology | <input type="radio"/> Infectious disease | <input type="radio"/> Palliative care | <input type="radio"/> Surgery |
| <input type="radio"/> Emergency medicine | <input type="radio"/> Internal medicine | <input type="radio"/> Pathology | <input type="radio"/> Urology |
| <input type="radio"/> Endocrinology | <input type="radio"/> Nephrology | <input type="radio"/> Pediatrics | <input type="radio"/> Women's health |
| <input type="radio"/> Family medicine | <input type="radio"/> Neurology | <input type="radio"/> Psychiatry | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| <input type="radio"/> Gastroenterology | <input type="radio"/> OB/GYN | <input type="radio"/> Pulmonary | |
| <input type="radio"/> General practice | <input type="radio"/> Oncology | <input type="radio"/> Radiology | |

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As well as their setting and tool use:

In what type of setting do you primarily practice, teach, or study? *

☐ All rural ☐ Mostly rural ☐ Partly rural, partly urban ☐ Mostly urban ☐ All urban

Would you be willing to be contacted by our team to talk more about your experience? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

How did you hear about Better Evidence? *

<input type="checkbox"/> Accessed previously through my medical school as part of the Better Evidence for Training program	<input type="checkbox"/> Accessed previously through my medical school, but not as part of the Better Evidence for Training program	<input type="checkbox"/> Colleague	<input type="checkbox"/> UpToDate website
	<input type="checkbox"/> Online search	<input type="checkbox"/> GHDOOnline.org	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation/lecture
	<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> globalhealthdelivery.org	<input type="checkbox"/> Conference
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ariadne Labs program/ Aria	<input type="checkbox"/> Flyer/poster
			<input type="checkbox"/> Other

If other was selected, please describe.

How often do you have access to a smartphone, tablet or computer while providing clinical care? *

☐ Never ☐ Rarely ☐ Sometimes ☐ Often ☐ Almost always ☐ Always

How often do you use the following resources when in need of advice or answers on clinical questions?

Medscape *

☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Frequently

PubMed *

☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Frequently

Google *

☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Frequently

Wikipedia *

☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Frequently

In addition to questions about “add-ons”:

If there are other digital tools you feel could improve your practice and would like access to, please list:

Aproximately how many of the clinical care providers that you work with use UpToDate? *

☐ 100% ☐ 75% ☐ 50% ☐ 25% ☐ 0% ☐ I don't know

☐ N/A (I don't work with other clinical providers.)

In the last month, when you've had diagnostic or treatment questions, how often have you been able to find the answers? *

☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Frequently ☐ N/A

I would like to add Downloadable Desktop: An application that enables offline access on a desktop computer or laptop after an initial Internet-powered download *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Your subscription will come with MobileComplete: All UpToDate features accessible without a Wi-Fi or network connection on smartphones and/or tablets (if available in your country). Do you anticipate using these features? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Through using UpToDate, you may be able to accrue continuing medical education credits. Would this be of interest to you? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

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- Finally, they'll be asked to describe their "Program Aim"
- This questions seeks an **understanding of how they plan to use UpToDate**, and verifies whether they will be using it to benefit vulnerable patients
- In this section, they should be sure to mention **whether they are seeing patients directly, and how they are serving resource-limited populations**

Better Evidence UpToDate Donation Application

Program Aim *

In English, please explain, in as much detail as possible, why you are applying for an UpToDate subscription through our donations program. In your answer, you may include information such as:

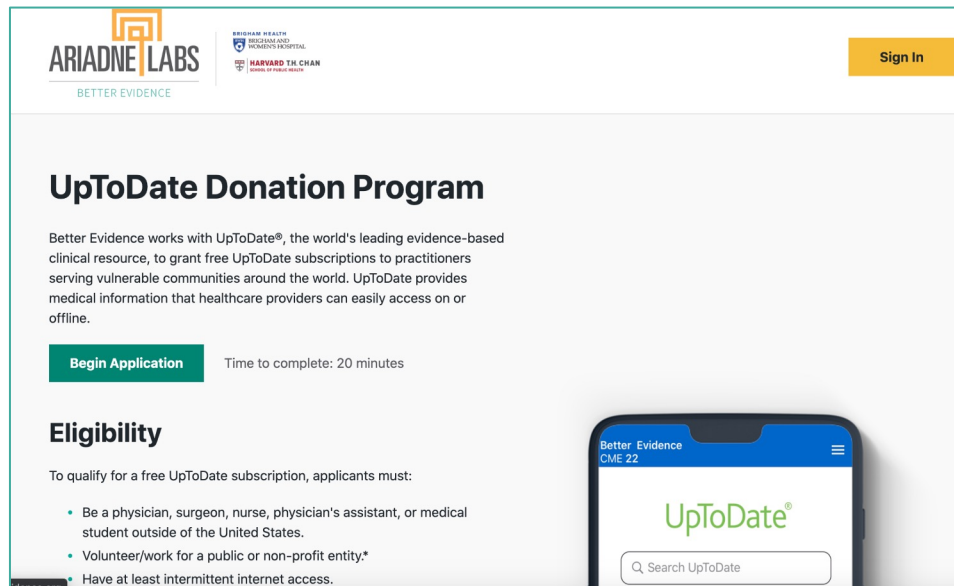
- A description of your role including *direct patient care*
- How you envision UpToDate impacting your *clinical practice*
- The set-up and funding structure of your organization (the sources of revenue for your site's services, if you are part of a larger health network, what kinds of medical resources are made available to staff, etc)
- Your organization's impact on the community (what population of patients your site primarily serves, whether health care is provided at no cost for those who cannot afford it, etc.)

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Submit Application

Better Evidence for Providers: Program Renewal



The screenshot shows the Ariadne Labs Better Evidence website. At the top left is the Ariadne Labs logo with the tagline "BETTER EVIDENCE". To its right are logos for Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. A yellow "Sign In" button is in the top right corner. The main heading is "UpToDate Donation Program". Below it, a paragraph states: "Better Evidence works with UpToDate®, the world's leading evidence-based clinical resource, to grant free UpToDate subscriptions to practitioners serving vulnerable communities around the world. UpToDate provides medical information that healthcare providers can easily access on or offline." A green "Begin Application" button is followed by the text "Time to complete: 20 minutes". Under the "Eligibility" section, it says "To qualify for a free UpToDate subscription, applicants must:" followed by a bulleted list: "Be a physician, surgeon, nurse, physician's assistant, or medical student outside of the United States.", "Volunteer/work for a public or non-profit entity.*", and "Have at least intermittent internet access." At the bottom right, there is an image of a smartphone displaying the UpToDate app interface with the text "Better Evidence CME 22" and "UpToDate®".

- To maintain subscription access, **providers will complete a short renewal application each year**
- We recommend providers **apply for renewal 2-3 months before their subscription expiration** to avoid a lapse in access - they will receive reminder emails to do so when the time comes

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