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<th><strong>Unit Title</strong>: Keeping up to date with research (Level 2)</th>
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**Class Size**: 25; **Time**: Various; **Duration**: 50 minutes; **Method**: F2F

**Overview**
To provide an overview of methods of keeping up to date with research

**Unit Level Learning Outcomes**
On completion of this session students will:

- Have an understanding of the benefits of current awareness (CA) services
- Be able to apply different types of alerts
- Be able to apply a range of methods to keep up to date
- Use of Social Tools – blogging, Twitter, Facebook etc. in research

**Unit Level Teaching Approach**
Presenter will demonstrate:

- Alerts – email, RSS feeds
- Types of alerts – author, table of contents, keyword, citation
- Other services: Zetoc, TOC Alerts, mailing lists and discussion groups
- Theses & E-print archives
- Social networking – use of blogs in research, following blogs and Twitter

**Unit Level Assessment**
Alerts of various types to be set up

Use Web of Science or database of choice to set up alerts

**Student Activities**

Exercise 1: Course participants will be asked to set up a TOC alert

Exercise 2: Course participants will be asked to set up search alerts designed to retrieve articles that are relevant to themselves

Exercise 3: Find/follow research blogs, Twitter (following relevant people/organisations)