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Getting started guide

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*Providing Doctors With High-Quality Information: An Updated Evaluation of Web-Based Point-of-Care Information Summaries Journal of Medical Internet Research Vol 18, No 1 (2016): January

Follow these three easy steps to get started



STEP 1

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STEP 2

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STEP 3

Download the app

First, make sure you have completed step 2 and created your personal account.

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2. Select the app and start the download
3. Enter your personal account login details to complete the download.

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