

Type	Aim	Used For	What's Included?
Scoping	Describe breadth of literature, without assessing quality	When little is known about a topic	Any type of publication
Systematic	Rigorous synthesis to answer a specific practice question	Informing clinical practice	Quantitative research
Rapid	Faster evidence synthesis	Dealing with emergent issues	Quantitative studies, practice guidelines
Meta-Ethnography	Consolidate qualitative findings on a topic	Sharing what is known about an experience/culture	Qualitative research
Meta-Narrative or Realist	Assess broad ideas or mechanisms behind a phenomenon	How we got to be this way/ what is happening here	Varies- usually most publications
Integrative	Summarizes literature to provide a comprehensive understanding	What do we know about a phenomenon	Research and non-research publications