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Literature Reviews

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Overview

- What is a literature review?
- How do literature reviews inform practice?
- What are different types of reviews?

Literature Reviews

- Literature reviews and reviewing the literature
- Widen the context
- Consolidate evidence to inform policy and practice

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

Systematic Reviews

- Exhaustive effort to produce definitive practice answers
- Often used to create practice guidelines or decision aids



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Meta...

Type	Aim	Used For
Meta-analysis	Statistical synthesis	Combine results of quantitative trials that all answer the same question
Meta-synthesis (or meta-aggregation)	Thematic synthesis	Combine the themes of qualitative studies that address the same topic

Review of Reviews

- Aim is to consolidate reviews



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How To:

- Formal reviews: very precise directions
- Informal reviews: create a clear question
 - Population
 - Intervention
 - Outcome
 - Comparison
- Find studies
- Extract data
- Create new understanding



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