

Deciding What Type of Literature Review to Perform

Systematic Review Training

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Objectives:

- ✓ *Describe factors to consider when deciding which type of review to perform*
- ✓ *Explain importance of appropriately labeling literature reviews and avoiding misclassifying a review as a systematic review*

Questions to consider when conducting a review:

- What type of literature review would be most appropriate?
 - What is the intent of the literature search?
 - How will it be used?
 - Feasibility of timeline
- Journal requirements
 - Look at instructions for authors



Reviews

Review articles contain systematic reviews of the literature or concise tutorials on topics of broad interest to the readers.

The structured abstract and text for a systematic review should follow the same format as the one required of Research & Applications articles described above.

The structured abstract for a tutorial should contain the headings: Objectives, Target Audience, and Scope (covered topics).

Word count: up to 4000 words.

Structured abstract: up to 250 words.

Tables: up to 4.

Figures: up to 6.

References: unlimited.

Three broad
classes of
literature reviews

Narrative review

Systematic review

Systematic-like
review

Comparison of narrative and systematic reviews

Category	Narrative Review	Systematic Review
Scope	Unspecified	Narrow
Timeline	Rapid	12-18 months
Protocol	Not required	Required
Systematic Database Searching	Typically conducted	Required
Dual reviewer screening of articles	Not required	Required
Critical appraisal	Variable; can introduce bias	Defined by protocol; assessment of risk of bias in individual studies
Strength of the Evidence	Not required	Required
Synthesis	Qualitative	Qualitative and/or quantitative (meta-analysis)

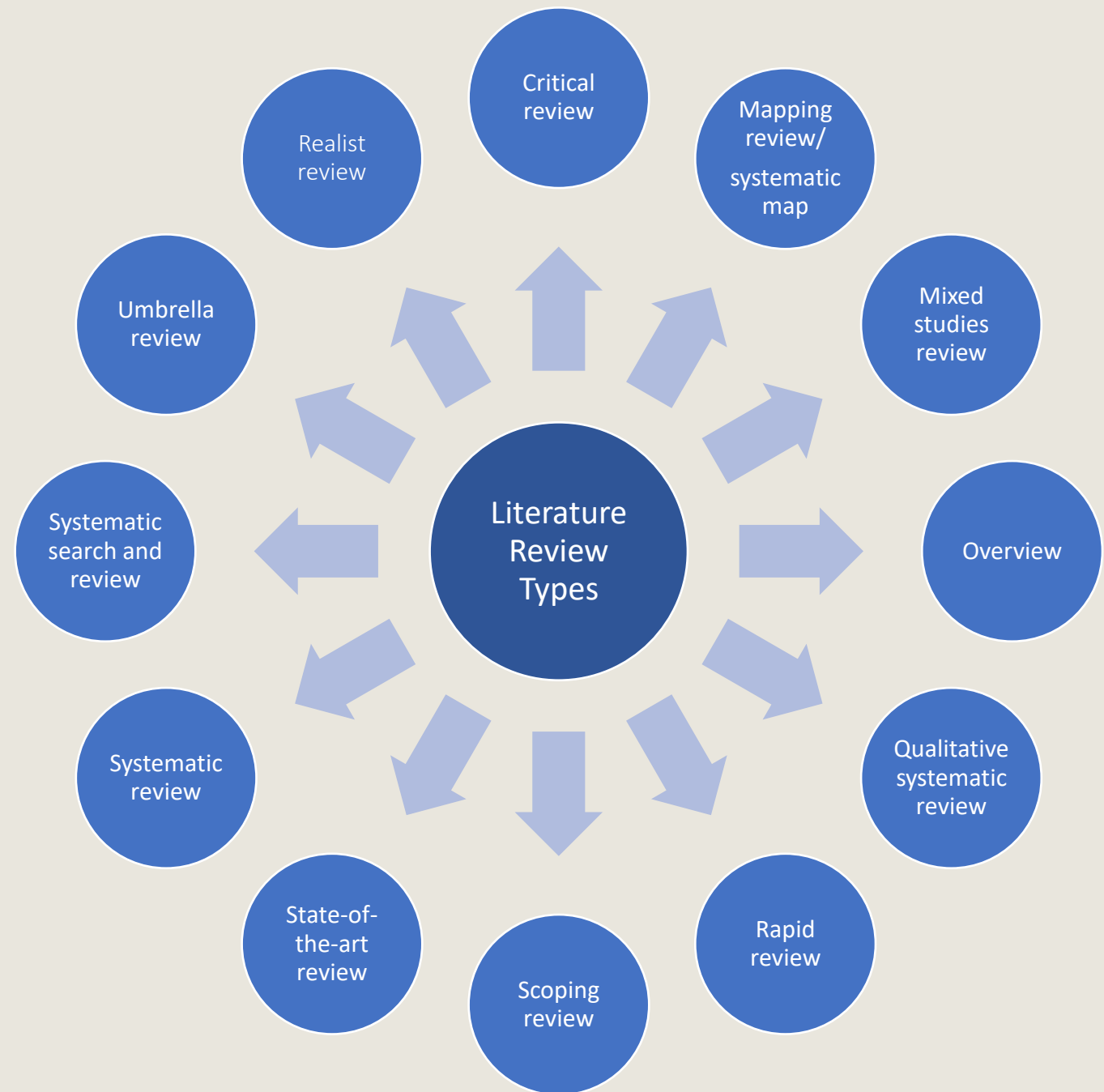
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Systematic-*like* Reviews

- Often protocol-driven, with ***selected features of the systematic review*** process, such as:
 - single or dual screening at abstract & full text level
 - evaluation of strength of evidence (SOE)
 - assessment of risk of bias
- Includes overview of the methods in the final publication

Literature Review Types



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Review type	Goal	Search	Appraisal	Synthesis
Rapid review	Uses components of the systematic review process to critically appraise literature	Limited based on time	Limited based on time	Narrative and tabular
Realist review	Interpretative review that uses evidence from qualitative and quantitative studies	Systematic and comprehensive	Uses different instruments for quality or risk of bias assessments	Qualitative evidence synthesis; may use conceptual frameworks; mixed methods
Umbrella review	Review of systematic reviews	Comprehensive; inclusion & exclusion criteria	Required	Extract data from systematic reviews; tables and figures
Scoping review	Assess scope of the literature; extent of evidence	Comprehensive; inclusion & exclusion criteria	Not required	Narrative; analytic frameworks; thematic construction
Critical review	Critical evaluation of the literature; used to generate hypothesis or model	May or may not include comprehensive searching; aims to identify representative articles	Not required	Narrative

Review

A narrative review of the impact of the transition to ICD-10 and ICD-10-CM/PCS

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ABSTRACT

Objectives: The United States transitioned to the tenth version of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) system (ICD-10) for mortality coding in 1999 and to the International Classification of Diseases, Clinical Modification and Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-CM/PCS) on October 1, 2015. The purpose of this study was to conduct a narrative literature review to better understand the impact of the implementation of ICD-10/ICD-10-CM/PCS.

Materials and Methods: We searched English-language articles in PubMed, Web of Science, and Business Source Complete and reviewed websites of relevant professional associations, government agencies, research groups, and ICD-10 news aggregators to identify literature on the impact of the ICD-10/ICD-10-CM/PCS transition. We used Google to search for additional gray literature and used handsearching of the references of the most on-target articles to help ensure comprehensiveness.

Results: Impact areas reported in the literature include: productivity and staffing, costs, reimbursement, coding accuracy, mapping between ICD versions, morbidity and mortality surveillance, and patient care. With the exception of morbidity and mortality surveillance, quantitative studies describing the actual impact of the ICD-10/ICD-10-CM/PCS implementation were limited and much of the literature was based on the ICD-10-CM/PCS transition rather than the earlier conversion to ICD-10 for mortality coding.

Discussion: This study revealed several gaps in the literature that limit the ability to draw reliable conclusions about the overall impact, positive or negative, of moving to ICD-10/ICD-10-CM/PCS in the United States.

Conclusion: These knowledge gaps present an opportunity for future research and knowledge sharing and will be important to consider when planning for ICD-11.

Key words: International Classification of Diseases, clinical coding, population surveillance, diagnosis codes, claims

Search

- PubMed, Web of Science, Business Source Complete
- Government, association, and news websites
- Google search for white papers and presentations
- Hand-search references

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- Address transition impact
- English
- Single reviewer

PubMed:

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Potential Advantages of a Systematic-Like Review

- Requires *less time* and *fewer resources* than a full Systematic Review
- Gives investigators flexibility in deciding which systematic review methods they wish to incorporate
- Can be performed on topics that may not lend themselves to full Systematic Reviews
- Ideal for *informing policy makers*, other *public health stakeholders* more rapidly; important in case of *public health crises*

Review > BMC Pregnancy Childbirth. 2021 Oct 6;21(1):676. doi: 10.1186/s12884-021-04156-y.

The impact of COVID-19 first wave national lockdowns on perinatal outcomes: a rapid review and meta-analysis



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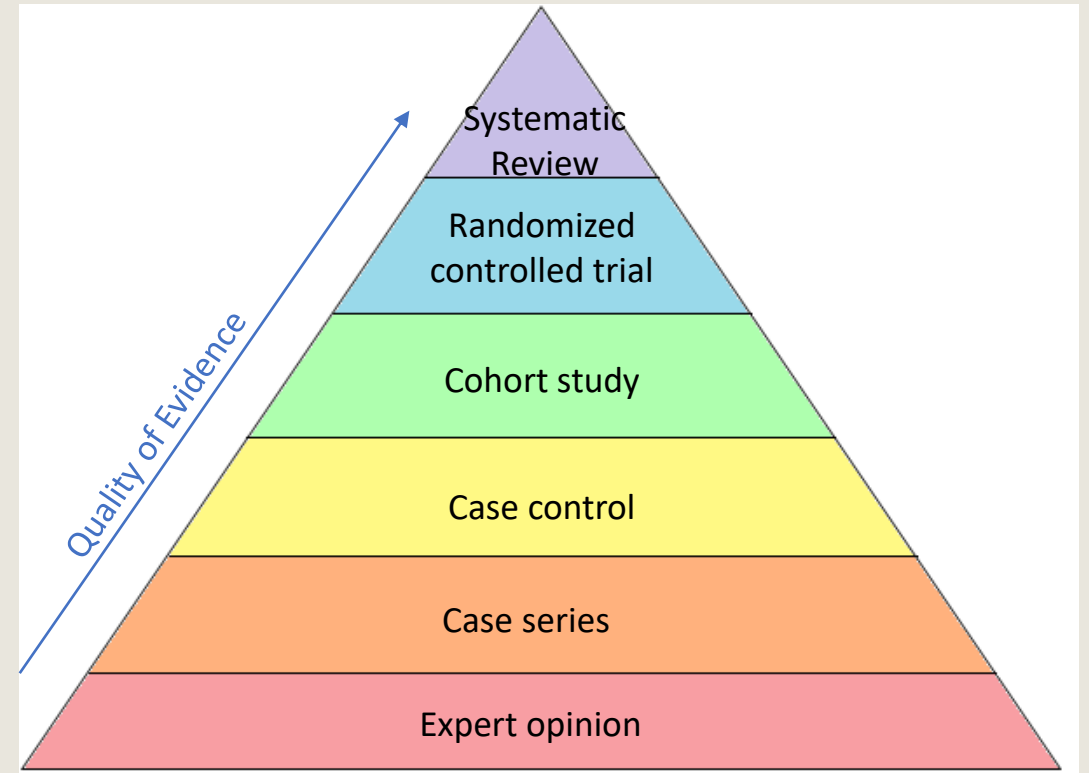
Abstract

Background: Since the emergence of COVID-19, preventative public health measures, including lockdown strategies, were declared in most countries to control viral transmission. Recent studies and anecdotes have reported changes in the prevalence of perinatal outcomes during national COVID-19 lockdowns. The objective of this rapid review was to evaluate the impact of COVID-19 lockdowns on the incidence of low birth weight (LBW), preterm birth (PTB), and stillbirth.

Methods: Two reviewers searched EMBASE, CORD-19, LitCovid (PubMed), WHO Global research on corona virus disease (COVID-19), and MedRxiv for studies published in English from the first reports on COVID-19 until 17 July 2021. Perinatal outcomes of interest included LBW (< 2500 g), PTB (< 37 weeks), and stillbirth.

Purpose Behind Labeling Evidence Reviews

- A study conducted in 2007 found that of 8,989 articles labelled as systematic reviews, only ~2,500 (27%) were accurately labelled ²



Recap

- Factors to consider when deciding what type of literature review to perform
- Systematic reviews are not always appropriate or feasible
- How we label reviews is important



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