

Evidence Synthesis in Health and Medicine

Guidelines for Writing Evidence Syntheses:

- [Cochrane Handbooks](#) – a collection of reference guides to support researchers conducting a Cochrane Review.
- [JBI Manual for Evidence Synthesis](#) – a comprehensive guide that supports 10 different types of evidence synthesis
- [IOM Standards for Systematic Reviews](#) – 21 standards for performing a quality systematic review
- [NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination](#) - A free guide on performing systematic reviews

Evidence Synthesis Reporting Standards:

- [PRISMA - Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-analysis](#) - The most popular reporting standards used in systematic reviews. PRISMA also provides reporting standards for various other types of knowledge synthesis (including protocols).
 - [Guidelines for implementing Prisma in Exercise, Rehabilitation, Sport medicine and Sports science](#)
- [JARS Quant - Quantitative Meta-analysis Reporting Standards](#) - The APA's knowledge synthesis reporting guidelines.

Where to Find & Register Protocols:

- [PROSPERO](#) – a well-known registry for knowledge synthesis protocols on health-related topics
- [JBI Protocols](#) – a registry of published JBI protocols
- [Open Science Framework Registries](#) – a multidisciplinary registry for knowledge synthesis protocols

Potential Places to Search:

Databases	Grey Literature
Embase	Site searching - Government websites
MedLine	Site searching - Hospital / Health association websites
CINAHL	Site searching – Major health associations
ProQuest Nursing and Allied Health	Cochrane Central – Clinical trials
PsycINFO	ProQuest Dissertations and Theses
Scopus	CBCA Complete – Canadian grey / white literature

Examples of Evidence Syntheses:

[Individual or group antenatal education for childbirth or parenthood, or both](#)

[Voluntary work for the physical and mental health of older volunteers: a systematic review.](#)