

Quality, Relevance and Summary of Findings

Authors & Year		
Title		
Journal / Source		

Quality:

1. AIMS & PROBLEM How clear are the aims of the research?				
1 Not clear	2	3 Somewhat	4	5 Very clear
Consider				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the reason for the research clear? Is there a good description of the problem? Have previous research findings and/or theories been considered? 				

2. METHODS How well does the paper set out the methods used in the study?				
1 Not well	2	3 Somewhat	4	5 Very well
Consider				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are the methods clear? Have the authors justified their research methods? Do you think these methods are the most suitable means of answering their research question? 				

3. RESULTS & DISCUSSION How well are the results presented?				
1 Not well	2	3 Somewhat	4	5 Very well
Consider				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are the results linked to the question/problem? Are they linked to the broader literature? Qualitative studies - Have key themes been described in detail? Quantitative studies - Have results been adequately described? Do results seem reliable? 				

4. READABILITY Is the report written clearly?				
1 Not clear	2	3 Somewhat	4	5 Very clear
Consider				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How understandable is it? Are the various parts linked logically and coherently? Are key terms defined? 				

5. IMPLICATIONS Does the report draw clear links to practice, policy or further research?				
1 Not really	2	3 Somewhat	4	5 Very much
Consider				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are the benefits of the research highlighted? How well have the authors linked the results to everyday clinical practice/health service delivery? 				

TALLY: Quality Score: _____

9. UTILITY How useable is the information provided in the paper for your practice?				
1 Not useable	2	3 Somewhat	4	5 Very useable
Consider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the research conducted and presented in such a way that it is usable for your practice. • Utility may be practical as well as theoretical (helping you develop useful ideas). 				

TALLY: Relevance Score:

Summary of findings /key points that relate to the review question: