

Identifying systematic reviews

Where can I find published systematic reviews beyond the fields of Medicine and Health Sciences?

Systematic reviews originated in Medicine and Health Sciences but the methodology is increasingly being adapted for use in other disciplinary areas. Systematic reviews are found throughout the Sciences and Social Sciences. In areas such as Education, a 'mixed methods' approach to undertaking systematic reviews is prevalent. The Evidence for Policy and Practice Information and Co-ordinating Centre (EPPI-Centre) and Campbell Collaboration are advancing a similarly rigorous approach to the 'gold standard' set by Cochrane for Medicine for the reviews they endorse. See below for a selection of recommended resources.

- <u>Campbell Collaboration</u>. The Campbell Collaboration promotes positive social and economic change through
 the production and use of systematic reviews and other evidence synthesis for evidence-based policy and
 practice.
- <u>Collaboration for Environmental Evidence</u>. Independent organization producing systematic reviews for environmental management. The website has guidelines for authors, ROSES reporting standards and the CADIMA synthesis tool.
- <u>The Community Guide</u>. The Guide to Community Preventative Services is a free database of systematic reviews to help practitioners choose programs and policies to improve health and prevent disease in their community.
- <u>EPPI-Centre</u>. An Institute of Education Centre focusing on systematic reviews in education, health and social policy. The EPPI-Centre develops methods for systematic reviews and research syntheses, conducting reviews, supporting others to undertake reviews, and providing guidance and training in this area.
- <u>International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)</u>. Independent organization producing systematic reviews on what works in international development. 3ie partner with the Campbell Collaboration. They have over 600 reviews or protocols currently available.
- <u>Scholarly databases</u>. You can search any scholarly database that publishes research in your field of interest. Include 'systematic review' as a search term to find systematic reviews in your discipline.









