#7 Finding High Quality Systematic Reviews and Research about Systematic Review Methodology with PubMed Health

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New Research Methods Resources - Plus a PubMed Filter

If you're interested in the scientific methods behind systematic reviews, we've now made it easier for you to find publications about the process.

Earlier this year we expanded PubMed Health to research on research methods. These are studies and guidance for doing systematic reviews and helping them make an impact.

We have taken this a step further with a new resource - the PubMed Systematic Review Methods Filter - and a new section at PubMed Health: Understanding Clinical Effectiveness.

For Researchers

More on this in a moment.

We also have an addition for anyone who wants to understand more about the mechanics of health research: new glossary pages especially for research methods.

Now if you see a term like random allocation or observational study with a link, you can click to find out more about what it means. The glossary will grow to cover the most common research terms used inside PubMed Health.

These pages are one of the ways you might come across results from the new methods filter.

Whenever you search in PubMed Health, you also get results from PubMed using this filter. You'll see them over to the right of the main search results. In a box called "Systematic Review Methods in PubMed," (it's below a box called "Systematic Reviews in PubMed."). That's a search for systematic reviews themselves.

So, what does the methods filter do? And how can you use it yourself in PubMed?

The filter searches through a subset of PubMed records that are either research or guidance on systematic review methods. The publications could relate to the development or evaluation of any step in doing or using systematic reviews.

That's a very wide range. There are over 6,500 publications already and many more to come. They cover statistical and research design issues, as well as techniques for finding and retrieving studies. They are research on research on research.
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