



# Campbell and Cochrane Equity Methods Group

## Meet the Campbell and Cochrane Equity Methods Group

Our aim is to encourage authors of Campbell and Cochrane reviews to include explicit descriptions of the effect of the interventions not only on the whole population but to describe their effect upon the disadvantaged and/or their ability to reduce socioeconomic inequalities in health and to promote their use to the wider community. Ultimately, this will help build the evidence base on such interventions and increase our capacity to act on the health gap between rich and poor.



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### Project Highlights: Equity Methods Guidance Documents

- 1. PRISMA-E:** In 2012, the Equity Methods Group published reporting guidelines for equity-focused systematic reviews in the journal *PLoS Medicine*. An accompanying explanation and elaboration document is in development.
- 2. Equity Checklist:** In 2009, we developed a checklist to help authors include equity considerations in their systematic reviews. This checklist is available on our website.
- 3. Evidence synthesis and knowledge translation methods:** This highly accessed paper published in the journal *Systematic Reviews* in 2013 provides guidance on conducting systematic reviews with a focus on health equity and on methods to translate their findings.
- 4. Evidence for Equity:** For this project we are creating summaries for policymakers of systematic reviews on equity-important topics.

### Featured Researcher: Vivian Welch, PhD



Vivian is a co-convenor of the Equity Methods Group, Deputy Director of the Centre for Global Health, and a Scientist at the Bruyère Research Institute and the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute.

Vivian completed her PhD in Population Health at the University of Ottawa in 2010. Her PhD examined the role of systematic reviews in addressing health equity.

Vivian has been instrumental in the development of the Equity Methods Group and our workplan. Vivian led the group's work in the development of the PRISMA-E reporting guidelines and in the guidance documents for conducting systematic reviews.

She is currently working on developing reporting guidelines for equity-focused randomized controlled trials.

### Migrant Health Subgroup:

focuses on the socio-economic disadvantages and inequalities in health that are faced by international migrants.

### Working Group on Sex and Gender Analysis:

works to promote and integrate sex and gender analysis in primary research and systematic reviews to help ensure the applicability and quality of evidence for clinical practice, and health policies and programs.

### What can the Equity Methods Group do for you?

- Provide guidance for addressing equity when conducting and reporting equity relevant reviews
- Provide guidance for reporting equity relevant reviews
- Pilot practical guidance for including sex and gender in your review

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