

2020 Key Outputs

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2020 Highlight:

Rapid review methods guidance aids in Cochrane's quick response to the COVID-19 crisis



Research and development

- Exploring the appropriateness of RRs as a formal Cochrane product. To inform this work, two formal scoping reviews (see here and here) and two methods research projects were conducted (see here and here)
- Developed and administered an evidence-informed questionnaire to elicit targeted feedback on the defining features of a Cochrane RR and acceptable RR methods by surveying Cochrane constituents from 20 Cochrane entities
- The information generated informed development of interim Cochrane RR definition and method



Best practice and guidance

- Cochrane Rapid Reviews Methods Group offers evidence-informed guidance to conduct rapid reviews
- Rapid review methods more challenging during COVID-19: Commentary with a focus on 8 knowledge synthesis steps
- Assessing how information is packaged in rapid reviews for policymakers and other stakeholders: a cross-sectional study



Methods implementation

- Methodological support to various review teams undertaking rapid reviews
- Support to the Cochrane COVID-19 Response working group
- "Quarantine alone or in combination with other public health measures to control COVID-19: a rapid review" Presentation for Cochrane Editor in Chief Webinar, June 2020