# Rapid Review Programs to support

**Health Care and Policy Decision** 

## Making

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### **Background**

Timeframe for informed decisions

'Fit for purpose'

Need to better understand methods





### **Objectives**

- Describe rapid review programs
  - Processes and methods

Highlight themes of characteristics





#### **Methods**

Study sample

Data collection

Data analysis



### **Results: Countries of Origin**

- Canada (12)
- United States (5)
- Australia (3)
- United Kingdom (3)
- Germany (2)
- Finland (2)
- Italy (1)
- Taiwan (1)



### **Results: Definition of Rapid Reviews**

Accelerated

No formal critical appraisal

'Best evidence'

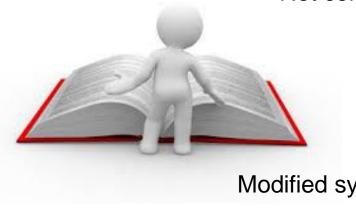
Condensed

Succinct

Not comprehensive

Limited in scope

Trade-off



**Tailored** 

Modified systematic review

Broad brush review

Type of evidence synthesis

Focused



#### **Results: Purpose of Rapid Reviews**

- Funding
- Clinical decisions
- Implementation
- Effectiveness and efficiency
- Complement discussions



#### **Processes: Development of Protocol**

- Population(s)
- Intervention(s)
- Comparator(s)
- Outcome(s)
- Study design(s)
- Research question(s)



### **Process: Review process of draft report**

Internal

External



#### **Processes: Report template**

- Key recommendations
- Context and policy issues
- Methods used
- Strengths and limitations



#### **Processes: Types of rapid reviews**

- Reference lists
- Summaries of abstracts
- Reviews of reviews
- Rapid SRs
- SRs and Mas
- Single HTAs



#### **Processes: Turnaround for Final Report**

1 week\_\_\_\_\_\_12 months





### **Processes: Rapid Review Dissemination**

**Newsletters** 

Stakeholder meetings

Internet

Conferences

Policy forums

Webinars

Workshops

Peer-reviewed journals

**Email distributions** 

Social media



### **Methods: Types of Research Questions**

- Clinical effectiveness
- Clinical efficacy
- Cost-effectiveness/savings
- Clinical practice guidelines
- Accuracy of diagnostic tests





### **Methods: Literature Search Strategy**

- Data sources
- Grey literature
- Study designs
- Timeframe
- Language



#### **Methods: Continued**

Study selection

Data abstraction

Evidence synthesis

Critical appraisal



### **Interpretation**

- Turnaround time
- Resources available
- Research topic
- Requestor
- 'One size fits all'



#### **Limitations**

- Demographics
- Data collected
- Analyses feasible



#### **Directions for Future Research**

- Methodological research
- Impact measurement
- Trends of rapid review programs
- Extension to PRISMA guidelines



## **Summary**





























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