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Purpose: To provide practical guidance for undertaking evidence synthesis based on a thorough understanding of systematic review methodology.

Focus: Conduct of secondary research

Governance: CRD is part of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and an academic department of the University of York. CRD, which was established in 1994, is one of the largest groups in the world engaged exclusively in evidence synthesis in the health field. Professor Lesley Stewart is the Director and the Centre has a distinguished external advisory board.

Finance:	CRD receives core funding through the UK NIHR. In addition, the Centre undertakes independent research for a number of different agencies, including reviews commissioned by the UK National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE).
Methods:	CRD's guidance has been produced as a collaborative effort by staff at CRD, who are experienced systematic reviewers. In addition to that experience, the update incorporates the most recent, relevant published research, and addresses feedback from previous editions. The guidance receives extensive international peer review. <i>No further information published.</i>
Updates:	Every 5 years, or less frequently
Maintenance:	By the nature of its work, CRD is aware of methodological developments that impact on the currency of the guidance. Updates are planned and designed to incorporate these in a new edition. Links in the electronic version are maintained and updated as and when appropriate.
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