

2020 Key Outputs

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2020 Highlight:

Providing Cochrane and review authors with tailored support during the COVID-19 pandemic



Research and development

GRADE CERQual celebrates 10 years since its inception. Sub-group work continues on: (i) identifying dissemination bias in qualitative research (ii) further developing our understanding of methodological limitations in primary studies and development of the CAMELOT tool for use with CERQual and (iii) ongoing CERQual training activities. A 10-year retrospective paper is being prepared for publication with support from WHO.



Best practice and guidance

- Contributed to a series in BMJ Global Health in 2020 to further define and explain the methods for the synthesis of complex interventions.
- Cochrane Handbook chapter on qualitative evidence synthesis was published We have undertaken and provided close support to several Cochrane authors when undertaking their qualitative evidence synthesis. We continue to undertake reviews outside of Cochrane to develop and test methods of interest.
- Supported Cochrane rapid review efforts during Covid 19 and Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in the production of reviews and guidelines for a Covid 19 context



Methods implementation

- Contributed to the Methods Plenary at the Virtual Cochrane Colloquium and the Cochrane Methods Symposium
- Regular virtual CERQual webinars and training sessions
- Provide an on-call service for QES authors