



Introduction to qualitative evidence synthesis (QES)

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Objectives

The objective of this workshop is to provide a brief introduction to the principles of conducting and interpreting qualitative evidence syntheses (QES). At the end of the workshop participants should have a basic understanding of:

- What is a qualitative evidence synthesis?
- Why undertake a QES?
- How to formulate a good QES question?
- What are the main steps in conducting a QES?
- What is GRADE-CERQual?

Brief description of content

Qualitative evidence synthesis (QES), or systematic reviews of primary qualitative research, are becoming more common. Findings from QES are increasingly used in decision making processes across a wide range of public health and other areas, including to inform the development of clinical, health system and social welfare recommendations. This workshop will provide a brief overview of what QES is, how its findings can be applied, and the key methodological steps in conducting a QES. We will use presentations and exercises to illustrate learnings, with time for questions and discussion. No previous experience in qualitative evidence synthesis or conducting a systematic review is necessary for the workshop.