

Citations and Studies

- This research distinguishes between “citations” and “studies” in the following way:
 - **citations:** contain title, abstract, related fields for a particular *study*
 - **studies:** the full text of a *citation*; e.g. a published randomised controlled trial

Undertaking a Systematic Review

- Creating a systematic review follows a **strict protocol**
- Medical researchers formulate a **search strategy** as a component of the protocol that defines:
 1. What will be included in the review, and what won't be (*i.e. **relevance criteria***)
 2. What sources will be used (*i.e. **databases** that will be searched*)
 3. What queries will be issued to each source (*i.e. **queries** issued to the database*)