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Dental emergency: scoping review protocol

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: considering the high prevalence of dental caries, understand the factors that may influence the use of network health services in dental emergency cases is important to improve the access and qualify the emergency net care (ENC). To provide an overview about this field in Brazil we consider performing a scoping review. The aim of this publication is to present the protocol of a scoping review about dental emergency in public health services in Brazil.

Methods and analysis: the review will follow the Joanna Briggs Institute scoping review methods protocol. We will search for relevant studies in MEDLINE, EMBASE, SCIELO and perform a gray literature search using Google Scholar. Two independent reviewers will select the articles. Discrepancies will be solved through discussion and, in case of disagreement, with a third reviewer. Descriptive statistical analysis will be performed.

Ethics and dissemination: a paper summarizing the findings from this review will be published in a peer-reviewed journal. Ethical approval is not required.

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