For more information and assistance in finding and using methods and tools for Evidence Informed Public Health, contact us at nccmt@mcmaster.ca

Watch our webcasts about the seven steps of EIPH
http://www.nccmt.ca/resources/multimedia-eng.html
See our suite of online learning modules, including An Introduction to Evidence-Informed Decision Making in Public Health
http://www.nccmt.ca/learningcentre

http://www.nccmt.ca/registry/view/eng/68.html

The Good Indicators Guide: Understanding How to Use and Choose Indicators
http://www.nccmt.ca/registry/view/eng/73.html

Developing an Efficient Search Strategy Using PICO

Searching for Research Evidence for Public Health: The 6S Pyramid
(See reverse)

Critical Appraisal Tools to Make Sense of Evidence
http://www.nccmt.ca/registry/view/eng/87.html

Critically Appraising Practice Guidelines: The AGREE II Instrument
http://www.nccmt.ca/registry/view/eng/100.html

Tool to Assess the Methodological Quality of Systematic Reviews: AMSTAR
http://www.nccmt.ca/registry/view/eng/97.html

Tool for Assessing Applicability and Transferability of Evidence (A&T Tool)

Briefing Note: Decisions, Rationale and Key Findings Summary
http://www.nccmt.ca/registry/view/eng/137.html

From Research to Practice: A Knowledge Transfer Planning Guide
http://www.nccmt.ca/registry/view/eng/42.html

RNAO Toolkit: Implementation of Best Practice Guidelines
http://www.nccmt.ca/registry/view/eng/163.html

Scientist Knowledge Translation Planning Template
http://www.nccmt.ca/registry/view/eng/131.html

The Online Health Program Planner Tool
http://www.nccmt.ca/registry/view/eng/36.html

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The 6S Hierarchy of Pre-processed Research Evidence
(adapted by DiCenso, Bayley, & Haynes, 2009)

- **STUDIES**
  - are related to a particular focused question.

- **SYNOPSES OF SINGLE STUDIES**
  - provide brief summaries of results and implications of single high-quality studies.

- **SYNTHESSES**
  - are systematic reviews that provide rigorous summary of all primary research evidence that could be found relevant to a particular focused question.

- **SYNOPSES OF SYNTHESES**
  - summarize the findings and implications of high quality systematic reviews.

- **SUMMARIES**
  - provide an outline of management options for a given health issue. Summaries incorporate the highest quality and most synthesized sources of research evidence.

- **SYSTEMS**
  - are electronic systems which can be sophisticated enough to link to patient records and to prompt practitioners about guidelines for care.

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Additional resources from NCCMT to help you search:

- **Search Pyramids**, online tools
  - general Search Pyramid - http://www.nccmt.ca/learningcentre
  - customizable, topic-specific Search Pyramids (login required) - http://www.nccmt.ca/learningcentre

- **Searching for Research Evidence in Public Health**, online learning module
  - one in a suite of online learning modules - http://www.nccmt.ca/learningcentre

- **National Guidelines Clearinghouse (NGC)**
  - http://guideline.gov

- **Health Evidence (summary statements)**
  - www.healthevidence.org
  - (look for the "Summarized" button beneath the title)

- **Health Evidence**
  - www.healthevidence.org

- **Public Health+**
  - www.nccmt.ca/tools/public_health_plus-eng.html

- **TRIP**
  - www.tripdatabase.com

- **PubMed Clinical Queries**

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Reference: