



Title	Methodology: Development of Continuous Improvement Plans for Quality Management
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Aim

To synthesize the best evidence on methodologies, tools, and interventions for generating and implementing improvement plans and to develop an evidence-based methodological guide.

Conclusions and results

This guide provides a tool to support healthcare facilities in designing and implementing plans for improvement in areas where it is necessary to respond to periodic performance assessments, eg, accreditation, nosocomial infection programs, or incident reporting systems.

Methods

Research commissioned.

The development of the guide was based on general literature on the subject, and a systematic review of the literature on studies that have evaluated the effectiveness of interventions for improving quality in health care.

A literature search included MEDLINE, Lilacs, Database of Abstracts of Effectiveness (DARE), Health Technology Assessment Database (HTA), and Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR).

Further research/reviews required

Further randomized clinical trials are needed to measure the impact of plans and determine whether they are effective in improving quality in health care.