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| Title | Methodology for Developing Health Checklist |
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Aim

To offer an approach concerning the structure of methodology for developing checklists in healthcare.

Recommendations

This review offers methodology to develop checklists. It considers both quantitative and qualitative aspects that must be present in this instrument to support the activities of healthcare personnel and deliver safer health services.

Checklists are important tools for reducing medical errors and raising standards of patient care and procedures, especially under stress conditions when memory and monitoring of cognitive functions may be affected.

Checklists should not be static, but processes in which expert groups participate to transform a range of knowledge and information on a specific theme in the particular content to which they relate.

Methods

Research commissioned.

The investigator reviewed bibliographic databases and websites of organizations to collect grey literature; Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR), World Health Organization (WHO), Pan-American Health Organization, Ministry of Health Chile, and MEDLINE.

Further research/reviews required

The application of checklists is a relatively new issue in health care. Further studies are needed to assess the effectiveness of implementing this instrument.