



**Title** Systematic Reviews for Nurse-Led Primary Care

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## **Aim**

To seek support for expanding primary care capacity with nonphysician providers, eg, nurses.

Six reviews covering 150 studies met the report's inclusion criteria. The results indicate both nurses and physicians provide equivalent quality of care for patients. Patient satisfaction was higher with nurses. No conclusions could be drawn regarding a cost difference between care provided by nurses and physicians.

## **Recommendations**

No specific recommendations were made for nurse-led primary care.

## **Methods**

MEDLINE, Cochrane Library, and INAHTA databases were searched for articles published in English between 1990 and 2009.

## **Further research/reviews required**

A randomized control clinical trial is in progress at the Catalan Institute of Health (Spain) researching nurse versus general practitioner care for patients requesting same-day consultation.