



Title	Systematic Reviews for Patient-Centered Care
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Aim

To conduct a literature review about patient-centered care, focusing on articles regarding ethnic-specific programs, patient education, and clinician-patient communication.

Conclusions and results

Twenty-two Cochrane Reviews and 11 print journal systematic reviews were found. Twelve pertained to patient education or self management, and 4 pertained to ethnic-specific patient-centered care programs. Most reviews found the quality or quantity of research insufficient to conclude if patient-centered care improved patients' health. However, there was some consensus that it enhanced patients' knowledge and adherence to treatment.

Recommendations

No recommendations were made.

Methods

A literature search for articles published in English between 2000 and 2010 was conducted in the following databases: PubMed, Cochrane Library, EMBASE, and INAHTA.

Further research/reviews required

Additional quality research on patient-centered care is needed.