

Librarians can help address reporting concerns in the biomedical literature particularly, for systematic reviews – here's how!

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Workshop aims

To equip you with knowledge and skills to understand:

1. the importance of transparency and accuracy in health research reporting, the common deficiencies in research publications and their impact on information retrieval and further use of studies e.g. inclusion in a systematic review
2. the purpose of reporting guidelines, how to use them and the availability of reporting guidelines for different study types, including for literature searches
3. the practical actions you can take to raise awareness of reporting guidelines and justify their use amongst researchers and help to explain the importance of involving librarians in research teams

Workshop outline

- Introduce the types and characteristics of documents reporting biomedical research
- Overview of systematic reviews and the process of conducting a review
- Discuss common deficiencies in biomedical research reporting
- Explore the reasons for and consequences of poor reporting of studies with an emphasis on literature search reporting and the importance of promoting librarian support for research studies
- Overview of what reporting guidelines are and how they help solve common reporting deficiencies
- Discuss key reporting recommendations/guidelines with particular reference to systematic reviews and to literature searching
- Demonstrate how librarians can promote guidelines to researchers
- Explore barriers to and different methods for raising awareness amongst clinicians and researchers
- Discuss practical action ideas for new services/tasks that you could easily implement within your own library setting