



**RESEARCH TO SUPPORT RESEARCH:  
GATHERING INFORMATION FOR A  
HEALTH SCIENCE LIBGUIDE ON  
QUALITATIVE METHODS**

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# WHY A QUALITATIVE RESOURCE GUIDE?

Increased interest in qualitative methods in the health sciences

Health science researchers' lack of familiarity with changing qualitative terminology across fields

Most online guides for qualitative methods are actually design for specific classes, not general use

Poor indexing of qualitative research in health science databases

Increasing patron requests for help finding qualitative sources, information about methods, places to publish

# OUR PROCESS

Scanned selected UNC websites for qualitative-related activities

Searched LibGuides for similar academic library guides using the terms "qualitative searching" and "qualitative research"

Searched web for open educational resources, such as online courses or course materials

Combed class resource lists for on- and off- campus resources

Consulted websites from such as NIH Office of Behavioral & Social Sciences Research/OBSSR and the NSF for specialized resources

# RESOURCES ON THE GUIDE

## Articles

The following articles and chapters offer some advice on how to include qualitative research in systematic reviews, as well as some examples of reviews that have done so.

### Methods for Including Qualitative Research in Systematic Reviews

Cochrane Review Handbook, [Chapter 20: Qualitative Research and Cochrane reviews](#). 2011.

Dixon-Woods M, Bonas S, Booth A, Jones DR, Miller T, Sutton AJ, Shaw RL, Smith JA, Young B. [How can systematic reviews incorporate qualitative research? A critical perspective](#). *Qualitative Research* 2006; 6: 27-44.

Dixon-Woods, Mary, Shona Argawal, David Jones, Bridget Young, and Alex Sutton. [Synthesizing qualitative and quantitative evidence: a review of possible methods](#). *J Health Serv Res Policy* January 1, 2005 vol. 10 no. 1 45-53B

Joanna Briggs Institute. [Joanna Briggs Institute Reviewers' Manual 2014, Section 2](#).

### Examples of Systematic Reviews Incorporating Qualitative Research

Finfgeld-Connett, Deborah. [Intimate partner abuse among older women: qualitative systematic review](#). *Clinical Nursing Research* 2014, 23:6 664-683.

Lucas, Patricia, Janis Baird, Lisa Arai, Catherine Law, and Helen M. Roberts. [Worked examples of alternative methods for the synthesis of qualitative and quantitative research in systematic reviews](#). *BMC Medical Research Methodology* 2007, 7:4 doi:10.1186/1471-2288-7-4

- Basic sources on what qualitative research is
- Information about qualitative software and methods
- Links to sources of training/resources on UNC campus
- Instruments for evaluating qualitative research (i.e., for inclusion in systematic reviews)
- Information on how to write up qualitative research and where to publish it



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