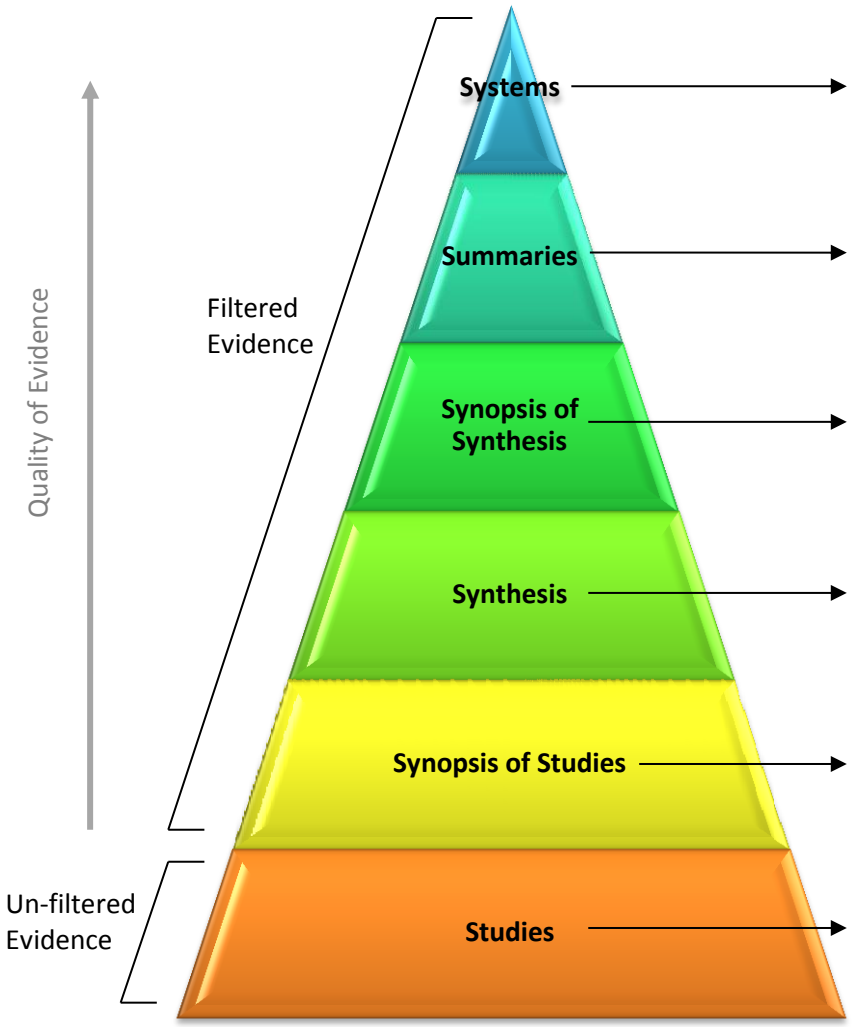
Levels of the Pyramid



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Definition

Systems

Research evidence combining client or population data, linked to community health status reports and/or individual client records and connected to a summary of existing research

Currently unavailable in public health

Summaries

Integrated best evidence from lower levels of the pyramid to provide management options for a given health problem

Ex. evidence-informed clinical practice guidelines and electronic text books

Synopsis of Synthesis

Synopsises of systematic reviews or meta-analysis

Summarizes the findings and implications of high quality systematic reviews

Synthesis

Systematic reviews and meta-analysis

Combines the results of multiple single studies using rigorous methods to provide a single set of findings

Synopsis of Studies

Provide brief summaries of results and implications of single high-quality studies.

Synopses are found in evidence-based abstraction journals

Studies

Single Studies

Ex. case studies, cohort studies, observational studies, randomized control trials, etc.

Resources A-Z

Note: Some resources may contain more than one level of research evidence.

Canadian Best Practices Portal
Canadian Medical Association (CMA)
Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care (CTFPHC)
Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Disease Prevention & Control Guidelines
Guideline Advisory Committee (GAC)
National Guideline Clearinghouse (Pre-Appraised)
NICE (Pre-Appraised)
Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO)

Center for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD)
*Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness (DARE)
Evidence for Policy and Practice Information (EPPI) (Pre-Appraised)
Health-Evidence (Pre-Appraised)
Guide to Community Preventive Service
Healthypeople.gov

*Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
Community Guide, The (Pre-Appraised)
Evidence for Policy and Practice Information (EPPI) (Pre-Appraised)
Health-Evidence (Pre-Appraised)
PubMed (Clinical Queries)
TRIP Database

Public Health + (Pre-Appraised)
Journals:
**ACP Journal Club
**Evidence-Based Medicine
**Evidence-Based Mental Health
**Evidence-Based Nursing
** UpToDate

*PubMed
*Virtual Library Databases
- MEDLINE, CINAHL, Health Business Elite, SPORTDiscus, etc.

*OVID Databases **[for MLHU only]**
- PsycINFO, Embase, etc.

*Proquest Public Health **[for MLHU only]**

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