

# Format for a review paper

## **Title page:**

Title-- reflecting topic of review

Your Name

Date

**Abstract:** An abstract should be of approximately 200-300 words. Provide a brief summary of the review question being addressed or rationale for the review, the major studies reviewed, and conclusions drawn. *Please do not cite references in the Abstract.*

**Introduction:** Introduce the topic and your rationale for addressing this topic focusing on why this topic is important. Clearly define exactly what this article will discuss, outline the order in which you will discuss each subtopic to give the reader any background information needed to understand the coming sections.

**Body (subtopics being addressed):** Although the structure may vary based in the sub-topics or review questions being addresses. For example, if you are reviewing three different methodologies, you might divide the body of the article into three sections, each discussing one of the methods. In these sections, be sure to describe the research methods and evaluate how studies were conducted focusing on the study design and analysis e.g., intention to treat versus completers/retention rate, compare studies, and discuss their implications.

**Conclusions:** You should develop the conclusion by briefly restating the rationale for your review and the purpose of the article, then discussing the conclusions you have drawn. You should also discuss the implications of your review findings and where you think research in this field should go from here.

**Literature Cited:** Use a standardized referencing system. A widely used one in the medical literature is the AMA style.

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