Systematic literature reviews are an essential component for obtaining data inputs or assessing the impact of health technologies on clinical, economic, or health-related quality of life. Systematic reviews may inform coverage decisions for drugs, devices, or public health interventions, and frequently are used in comprehensive health technology assessments. When conducted properly, systematic literature reviews pool all relevant data to allow a more efficient process for assessing value. Therefore, a full understanding of systematic reviews—and how to implement them in practice—is imperative for anyone involved in healthcare research, practice, and policy.

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