

Additional file 3. Characteristics of excluded studies and reference details**Table 1. Excluded studies (n=75)**

Study	Reason for Exclusion
Anon. 2014	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Bambra et al. 2010	Outcomes – not relevant
Barbui et al. 2010	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis; Outcomes – not relevant
Bearman and Dawson 2013	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Booth et al. 2013	Study type - not an evaluation
Brener et al. 2014	Study type - not an evaluation
Buendía-Rodríguez and Sánchez-Villamil 2006	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis; Outcomes – not relevant
Carrey et al. 2014	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Chambers and Wilson 2012	Study type - not an evaluation;
Chang et al. 2010	Study type - not an evaluation
Cowey et al. 2010	Intervention - best practice statement on end of life stroke care; Outcomes – not relevant
Davidson et al. 2013	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Davino-Ramaya et al. 2012	Study type - not an evaluation
Dixon-Woods et al. 2005	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Ellen et al. 2014	Intervention - summaries of systematic reviews, not rapid evidence synthesis

Study	Reason for Exclusion
Esandi et al. 2010	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Franek 2013	Study type - not an evaluation
Gough 2013	Study type - not an evaluation
Grant and Booth 2009	Study type - narrative review, not an evaluation
Gush and Borriello 2007	Study type - commentary, not an evaluation; Intervention - description of a rapid review panel
Harker and Kleijnen 2011	Abstract of an included systematic review (Harker et al 2012).
Hartz 2012	Study type - opinion piece, not an evaluation.
Hewitt et al. 2012	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Iams 2004	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Ireland 2013	Study type - not an evaluation
Kaltenthaler et al. 2012	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Kamerling 2012	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Kastner et al. 2012	Study type - protocol for a systematic review
Khan and Coomarasamy 2004	Study type - not an evaluation.
Khangura et al. 2012	Study type - not an evaluation
Koster et al. 2013	Study type - conference discussion topic.
Lee et al. 2012	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis

Study	Reason for Exclusion
Leonard et al. 2011	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Mahon et al. 2013	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis; Outcomes – not relevant
Mays et al. 2005	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid review
McCormack et al. 2007a	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
McCormack et al. 2007b	As above (same study)
McCormack et al. 2007c	As above (same study)
McCormack et al. 2007d	As above (same study)
McGee and Clark 2010	Study type - not an evaluation
McGowan et al. 2010	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis, summary of one systematic review.
Merlin et al. 2014	Study type - mapping exercise, not an evaluation.
Moher et al. 2000	Year of study; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis but testing of a method that could contribute.
Muhlhauser et al. 2011	Language - German; Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis.
Pawson et al. 2014	Study type - narrative review, not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Pawson et al. 2005	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Pawson et al. 2010	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Pearson and Coomber 2010	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis

Study	Reason for Exclusion
Petticrew et al. 2013	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Revere et al. 2004	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Riley et al. 2012	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis; Outcomes – not relevant
Robeson et al. 2010	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Rosenbaum et al. 2008	Intervention - summary of a single systematic review, not rapid evidence synthesis
Rosenbaum et al. 2011	Intervention - summary of a single systematic review, not rapid evidence synthesis
Rotstein and Laupacis 2004	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis; Outcomes – not relevant
Rovers and van der Heijden 2010	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Rycroft-Malone et al. 2012	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Saul et al. 2013	Study type - not an evaluation.
Schunemann et al. 2007	Study type - not an evaluation.
Sheikh et al. 2007	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Silvestre et al. 2011	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Stansfield 2011	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis; Outcomes – not relevant.
Stansfield et al. 2010	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis; Outcomes – not relevant

Study	Reason for Exclusion
Thigpen et al. 2012	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis.
Thomas et al. 2013	Study type - not an evaluation
Trevena et al. 2007	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Tricco et al. 2011	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Turner et al. 2013	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Varonen et al. 2001	Year of study – published before 2004
Westphal et al. 2014	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Wong et al. 2013	Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Wong et al. 2012	Study type - not an evaluation; Intervention - not rapid evidence synthesis
Wyer and Rowe 2007	Study type - not an evaluation
Young et al. 2014a	Intervention - summary of a single systematic review, not rapid evidence synthesis.
Young et al. 2014b	Study type - not an evaluation

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