

Frequently Asked Questions: Evidence Summaries

What is an Evidence Summary?

- A short (1–2 page) summary and discussion of a systematic review

What should I expect to see in an Evidence Summary?

- A summary of the Systematic Review in abstract form
- An evaluation of the strength of the review methods
- A discussion and critique of the review's interpretation of the evidence and implications for clinicians

Why are Evidence Summaries useful?

- Efficiency: they present a means of rapidly learning the principal findings of a systematic review
- Oversight: they offer a second opinion concerning the quality of the review and the validity of the interpretations drawn by its authors
- Commentary: they offer additional insight into the implications for clinicians

Where can I find Evidence Summaries?

- ADA's EBD Web site (<http://ebd.ada.org>)
- *Journal of the American Dental Association*
- Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE) (<http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/crdweb/>)
- EBD journals (*The Journal of Evidence-Based Dental Practice, Evidence-Based Dentistry*)

