

	<b>Research</b>	<b>Service evaluation</b>	<b>Clinical audit</b>	<b>Satisfaction survey</b>	<b>Practice review</b>
<b>Objective</b>	To answer a question or test a hypothesis	To improve performance	To improve performance	To improve performance	To improve performance
<b>Aim Hypothesis</b>	To test a hypothesis or establish clinical practice standards where none are accepted	Systematic collection and analysis of information about a specific program or intervention in order to allow its critical appraisal	A quality improvement process that seeks to improve patient care through systematic review of care against explicit standards and the implementation of changes in practice if required	The systematic collection of data from a sample of patients or staff to determine levels of satisfaction or knowledge about a service.	Systematic assessment of current practice without comparison against a set of
<b>Risk to participants</b>	May place research participants at risk and they must be fully informed	Does not increase risk to patients above routine standard care			
<b>Methodology</b>	Designed to inform new clinical treatments / pathways  Or compare current  Or compare existing vs new	Designed to evaluate current care	Designed to produce information to inform delivery of best practice  Measured against a standard		
<b>New vs existing data/information</b>	Usually involves collection of new data additional to that collected during routine standard care	Analysis of existing data collected for routine standard clinical care  May involve use of interview or questionnaire	Analysis of existing data collected for routine standard clinical care  May involve use of interview or questionnaire		
<b>Groups of participants</b>	May involve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• randomisation of participants into groups</li> <li>• Use of a control group</li> <li>• Use of a placebo</li> </ul>	Does not involve randomisation of patients  The difference in care is related to choice of treatment by the MP or patient			

<b>Type of Activity</b>	<b>Examples</b>
<b>Research</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Clinical Trial of unapproved medicine, device or biological</li><li>2. Collection and analysis of tissue additional to standard care</li></ol>
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