

## Systematic Literature Review

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## Purpose of Literature Review

- To know what is already known, ie. to review existing data on the topic of enquiry;
- To define constructs or variables relevant to the enquiry;
- To examine and enumerate the different theories that have been used or generated in previous research;
- To explore one theory that is considered most suitable for the present study.

## Systematic Literature Review

- One way of doing literature review, particularly in Medical sciences and Psychology is by means of systematic literature review.
- This method of review (SLR) is easier today since the availability of e-sources.
- SLR is very useful for generating hypotheses.

## Four important steps in Systematic Literature Review

### 1. Literature Research

(Describe the process and criteria)

### 2. Literature Selection

(Describe the process and criteria)

### 3. Analysis of Literature

(with specific research question for this process)

### 4. Report Findings

(Report all steps above and findings)