



Supplementary Material

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1. [Box 1](#) WHODAS use in emergency services

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Box A1. WHODAS use in emergency services*Systematic search strategy*

We searched PubMed up to and including March 24, 2015 using the measurement search terms: "WHODAS", "WHO DAS", "World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule", "World Health Organization's Disability Assessment Schedule", "WHO Disability Assessment Schedule", "WHO's Disability Assessment Schedule" combined with the population search terms: "emergency", "ambulatory", "crisis". The systematic review was performed in accordance with the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses Guidelines ⁵⁴.

Results and interpretation

Of the four search results that were returned, none was relevant after examination of titles and abstracts. The WHODAS has never been used in peer-reviewed research to examine disability and functioning among people who visit psychiatric hospital emergency services. Therefore, this is the first study to examine the use of WHODAS to measure disability and functioning in an emergency services setting. The use of measures such as the WHODAS to accurately measure disability and functioning within emergency patient populations may be a useful additional tool to help triage patients as well as to assist medical personnel in determining appropriate treatment(s).