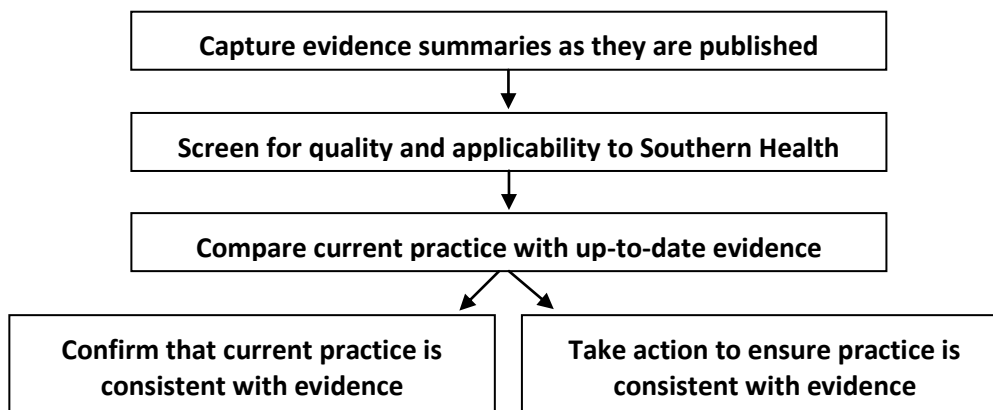


Ensuring Southern Health practice is up-to-date

The Technology/Clinical Practice Committee (TCPC) is introducing a new process to ensure that practice at Southern Health is consistent with current evidence.



The Centre for Clinical Effectiveness (CCE) had developed an Evidence Dissemination Service to capture high quality evidence as it is published. The TCPC will disseminate this to the relevant decision-makers who will be asked to consult with colleagues and report back on any action required to align current Southern Health practice with the most up-to-date evidence.

The process has been developed to minimise your time and effort.

- Only synthesised information such as systematic reviews, health technology assessments and evidence based guidelines will be provided. You will not receive trials or other primary studies, editorials or opinion pieces.
- The synthesised evidence is retrieved from high quality sources and will be appraised by CCE staff so that you can be confident the information is trustworthy.
- CCE staff will compare the evidence with current policies and procedures. If Southern Health documentation is consistent with the evidence, you will be informed but no response is required.
- A response will only be required if there are no policies and procedures on this topic or if the current policies and procedures are inconsistent with the latest evidence.
- Action will only be required if current practice is inconsistent with up-to-date high quality evidence that is relevant and applicable to Southern Health.
- Responses will be required within an appropriate time frame. These have been determined to prioritise action to areas of greatest risk to patients, staff or the organisation. Where there is
 - **evidence of harm**, a response will be required in **1 month**
 - **evidence of benefit**, a response will be required in **3 months**
 - **evidence of a more cost-effective alternative**, a response will be required in **3 months**
 - **evidence of lack of effect**, a response will be required in **6 months**
 - **lack of evidence**, the publication will be provided for information only, **no response required**

The new process will be implemented as a pilot. Your input and suggestions to improve the methods and materials is welcome and encouraged. Please direct your feedback and any questions to:

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