



EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS
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Cochrane
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Evidence Synthesis Ireland Fellowship Scheme

Review Identification Form

Review Centre and Mentor

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Review title

Review 1: Qualitative evidence review on the barriers and facilitators to offering mid-urethral sling as a treatment for stress urinary incontinence

Review 2: TBC Q1 2027

Review type and methods

The Fellow will gain experience on two reviews:

Review 1: Qualitative Evidence Synthesis (Best fit framework synthesis, GRADE CERQual, Nvivo, Eppi Reviewer) – this review has started and the Fellow will screen and extract data for supplemental searches and participate in synthesis, report preparation, dissemination and journal article write up.

Review 2: TBC Q1 2027 – the specific review will be confirmed by the Department of Health and the Fellow will be involved from protocol preparation and in all subsequent review stages.

Review information

The Department of Health commissions all HRB Evidence Centre reviews

Review details

Review 1: Provision of mid-urethral sling (MUS) as a treatment option for stress urinary incontinence is paused in Ireland. In the context of the controversy around the safety of MUS generally, understanding the experiences, beliefs, perspectives, perceptions and/or attitudes of all stakeholders towards MUS will contribute to successful implementation of any policy considering the use of MUS. This review asks: What are the barriers and facilitators to the implementation of mid-urethral sling as a treatment option for stress urinary incontinence in women?

The population of interest is: women with SUI, their carers and healthcare professionals involved in SUI care delivery. We will elicit their attitudes toward, beliefs about, perceptions of,

perspectives on and/or (impact of) experiences (on attitudes, beliefs, perceptions, and/or perspectives) on mesh for SUI and, where appropriate related gynaecological conditions.

Review 2: TBC Q1 2027

Review current status

Registered on PROSPERO. Searches, screening and data extraction started.

Any specific/desirable requirements for fellow (e.g. clinical expertise, methodological expertise)

Clinical or methodological expertise desirable

Estimated start and completion dates

Review 1 completion date: April 2027

Review 2 start date: April 2027

Review 2 completion date: March 2028 (TBC)