

Narrative Review Checklist

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TITLE				
Title	1	Identify the report as a Narrative Review or Literature Review.	Line 2, Page 1	Title, Paragraph 1
ABSTRACT				
Structured summary	2	Provide a structured summary with the subsections as: Background and Objective, Methods, Key Content and Findings, Conclusions.	Line 17-34, Page 2	Abstract, Paragraph 1
INTRODUCTION				
Rationale/background	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known.	Lines 42-65, Page 3	Introduction/Background (1.1), Paragraph 1
Objectives	4	Specify the key question(s) identified for the review topic.	Lines 68-70, Page 3-4	Introduction/Objectives (1.2), Paragraph 1
METHODS				
Research selection	5	Specify the process for identifying the literature search (eg, years considered, language, publication status, study design, and databases of coverage).	Lines 73-75, Page 4	Methods (2.0), Paragraph 2
DISCUSSION/SUMMARY				
Narrative	6	Discuss: 1) research reviewed including fundamental or key findings, 2) limitations and/or quality of research reviewed, and 3) need for future research.	Lines 78-221, Page 4-9	Review of Current Literature Regarding IM Lymph Nodes in Breast Cancer (3.1 – 3.4)
Summary	7	Provide an overall interpretation of the narrative review in the context of clinical practice for health professionals, policy development and implementation, or future research.	Line 224-233, Page 9	Conclusions & Future Directions (4.0), Paragraph 3

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