**S2 Appendix - Planned and ongoing studies using qualitative methods**

| **Author** | **Health area** | **Proposed sampling** | **Proposed data collection methods** | **Proposed analytical approach** |
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| Duffy (protocol available) | Pre-eclampsia | Not stated | Systematic review | Thematic content analysis |
| Interviews |
| Delphi |
| Kaiser (protocol available) | Chronic pain | Not stated | Delphi process | Not stated |
| Interview |
| Systematic review |
| Keeley (protocol available) | Schizophrenia & Bipolar | Purposive | Focus groups | Thematic iterative constant comparison, “grounded in the data”, Dual coding |
| Interviews |
| Delphi |
| Consensus meeting |
| Literature review |
| Stakeholder discussion |
| Survey |
| Maclennan *(Lam)* (protocol available) | Prostate cancer | Purposive | Systematic review | Thematic |
| Interviews |
| Focus groups |
| Delphi |
| Consensus meeting |
| Waters (protocol available) | Oropharyngeal Cancer | Maximum diversity sampling | Systematic review | Constant comparative, Dual coding |
| Interviews |
| Delphi |
| Consensus meeting |
| Alam | Facial aging | Not stated | Consensus conference | Not stated |
| Consensus meeting |
| Delphi process |
| Interview |
| Systematic review |
| Azuara-Blanco | Diabetic retinopathy | Not stated | Systematic review | Not stated |
| Delphi |
| Interviews |
| Focus groups |
| Survey |
| Azuara-Blanco | Age-related macular degeneration | Not stated | Systematic review | Not stated |
| Delphi |
| Interviews |
| Focus groups |
| Survey |
| Blazeby | Colorectal cancer | Not stated | Systematic review | Not stated |
| Interviews |
| Delphi |
| Consensus meeting |
| Cartee | Skin cancer excision | Not stated | Consensus conference | Not stated |
| Delphi process |
| Focus group(s) |
| Interview |
| Nominal group technique (NGT) |
| Systematic review |
| Chazapis | Anaesthesia | Not stated | Systematic review | Not stated |
| Survey |
| Interviews |
| Delphi |
| Clark | Acne scarring | Not stated | Consensus conference | Not stated |
| Delphi process |
| Focus group(s) |
| Interview |
| Nominal group technique (NGT) |
| Systematic review |
| Colavincenzo | Hair loss, non-scarring alopecia | Not stated | Consensus conference | Not stated |
| Delphi process |
| Focus group(s) |
| Interview |
| Nominal group technique (NGT) |
| Systematic review |
| Costa | Lower limb fractures | Not stated | Systematic review | Not stated |
| Interviews |
| Consensus meeting |
| Coulman | Obesity | Not stated | Systematic review | Not stated |
| Interviews |
| Delphi |
| Consensus meeting |
| Davidson | Liver | Not stated | Systematic review | Not stated |
| Interviews |
| Survey |
| Consensus meeting |
| Denniston | Uveitis | Not stated | Focus groups | Not stated |
| Interviews |
| Systematic review |
| Delphi |
| Consensus meeting |
| Duffy | Endometriosis | Not stated | Systematic review | Not stated |
| Focus groups |
| Delphi |
| Duncan-Millar | Upper limb rehabilitation after stroke | Not stated | Systematic review | Not stated |
| Focus groups |
| Interviews |
| Delphi |
| Survey |
| Fabricius | Prostate cancer | Not stated | Systematic review | Not stated |
| Interviews |
| Consensus meeting |
| Delphi |
| Consensus meeting |
| Forster | Rehabilitation (older people) | Not stated | Literature review | Grounded theory with constant comparison, Q-methodology |
| Interviews |
| Focus groups |
| Delphi |
| Goncalves | Dementia | Not stated | Clinical experts | Not stated |
| Consumers |
| Consumers |
| Families |
| Patient/support group representatives |
| Researchers |
| Iyengar | Rosacea | Not stated | Consensus conference | Not stated |
| Delphi process |
| Focus group(s) |
| Interview |
| Nominal group technique (NGT) |
| Systematic review |
| Kaufman | Childhood vaccination | Not stated | Systematic review | Not stated |
| Interviews |
| Delphi |
| Knight | Transplant surgery | Not stated | Delphi process | Not stated |
| Interview |
| Systematic review |
| Marson | Epilepsy | Not stated | Interviews | Thematic |
| Focus groups |
| Discrete choice experiments |
| Survey |
| Myles | Anaesthesia | Not stated | Systematic review | Not stated |
| Surveys |
| Interviews |
| Delphi |
| Reilly | Dementia | Not stated | Literature review | Not stated |
| Focus group |
| Delphi |
| Systematic review |
| Stated preference survey |
| Shokeen | Post Inflammatory Hyperpigmentation | Not stated | Consensus conference | Not stated |
| Delphi process |
| Focus group(s) |
| Interview |
| Nominal group technique (NGT) |
| Systematic review |
| Smith | Miscarriage | Not stated | Systematic review | Not stated |
| Interviews |
| Focus groups |
| Delphi |
| Consensus meeting |
| Tang | Melasma | Not stated | Consensus conference | Not stated |
| Delphi process |
| Focus groups |
| Interview |
| Nominal group technique (NGT) |
| Vasic | Leg veins | Not stated | Consensus conference | Not stated |
| Delphi process |
| Focus group(s) |
| Interview |
| Nominal group technique (NGT) |
| Systematic review |
| Vasic | Actinic keratosis | Not stated | Consensus conference | Not stated |
| Delphi process |
| Focus group(s) |
| Interview |
| Nominal group technique (NGT) |
| Systematic review |
| Whitehead | Cardiac arrest | Not stated | Systematic review | Not stated |
| Interviews |
| Focus groups |
| Delphi |
| Consensus meeting |
| Zajicek | Neurodegenerative diseases | Not stated | Systematic review | Not stated |
| Focus groups |
| Interviews |
| Survey |
| Zha | Scar | Not stated | Consensus conference | Not stated |
| Focus group(s) |
| Interview |
| Nominal group technique (NGT) |
| Systematic review |
| Zoet | Cardiovascular disease | Not stated | Systematic review | Not stated |
| Focus group |
| Delphi |