

# COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC LITERATURE REVIEW INTRODUCTION

One of the first steps in program development is to conduct a literature review. This gives the organization a chance to research the area of interest, establish a framework and focus for the program, and build on best practices.

## Background

Looking at national and international publications on the topic of community paramedicine, this literature review was compiled. Google Scholar™ and MEDLINE® were two of the resources used to find applicable articles. Google Scholar™ provided a simple way to broadly search for scholarly literature. A search was conducted across many disciplines and sources: articles, thesis', books, abstracts, court opinions, from academic publishers, professional societies, online repositories, universities and other web sites. Google Scholar™ helped find relevant work across the world of scholarly research. MEDLINE® is the U.S. National Library of Medicine® (NLM) premier bibliographic database that contains more than 22 million references to journal articles in life sciences with a concentration on biomedicine. MEDLINE® contains journal citations and abstracts for biomedical literature from around the world.

## How to use

The first eleven columns of the document categorize the publications based on different types of Community Paramedic programs or topics that will assist with program development. To sort the list of citations based on the priorities or needs for the program, click on the category arrow to bring the specific topics to the top of the page. The document can also sort the publications by county.

The citations are presented in APA (American Psychological Association) style, and are ready to be properly inserted into any report or publication. APA citation provides a set of guidelines to create a consistently formatted document and should be utilized.

Over 90% of the publications in this literature review are from a subscription source, but a short abstract is provided in this document. The short abstract gives the overview and summary of the publication. It may contain important data or outcomes from the article. The link to the article is also provided which will include a long abstract and can be obtained with or without a subscription. For example, MEDLINE® is subscription based, so if the full article is needed, go through a library, healthcare entity with an education affiliation, or college to download the full document.



Information is ever changing and being developed. The literature review is not the only source of up-to-date information. Conducting an independent review is also recommended throughout the development of the Community Paramedic program.

## Exhibits

- A. Literature Review Definitions
- B. States with Legislation or Bills
- C. Community Paramedic Bibliography
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- E. State Community Paramedicine Statutes

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