### **Supplementary Files**

### Supplemental file 1: Search Strategy

Topic	Telemedicine in LMICs
Search Methods	Search strategies for identifying relevant
	evidence synthesis reviews were developed
	based on the Cochrane Low and Middle Income
	Country Filter (citation), which are based on the
	World Bank classifications. Controlled
	vocabulary, where appropriate, and keywords
	for the concepts of LMICs, telemedicine, and
	review types were used. Searches were run
	PubMed (NCBI), Cochrane Library (Wiley),
	Embase (Ovid), Scopus (Elsevier), and the WHO
	Global Index Medicus. The search was not peer
	reviewed. The results were limited to English
	langauge articles published from 01 January
	2012 through 22 July 2022.
PubMed (NCBI)	942
Embase (Ovid)	1202
Cochrane Library (Wiley)	27
Scopus (Elsevier)	600
WHO Global Index Medicus	58
TOTAL	2829
Date Run	7/22/2022
Run By	Carrie Price, MLS
	Albert S. Cook Library
	Towson University
	Towson, Maryland, USA
Limits	1/1/2012 – 7/22/2022
	English
Cite	Cochrane. (2022). Low and middle income
	country filters for MEDLINE and Embase.
	https://epoc.cochrane.org/lmic-filters

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# Supplementary File 2: List of Excluded articles at the full text stage (N=35)

S.no	Title	Reason for exclusion
1.	Telemedicine and e-Health research solutions in literature for combatting COVID-19: a systematic review	No outcome
2.	Factors influencing health managers' acceptance of eHealth services in Saudi Arabia	Wrong study design
3.	Promotors and barriers to implementation of assistive- technology and telecare for people with dementia and their caregivers: A systematic review	Full text not available
4.	Tele-Ultrasound in Resource-Limited Settings: A Systematic Review	No outcome
5.	Asynchronous teleneurology: A systematic review of electronic provider-to-provider communications	Full text not available
6.	Enablers of telemedicine technology adoption: A case-based conceptualization in Indian context	Full text not available
7.	Is telemedicine best alternative to reaching last mile: Investigation in the context of rural india	Full text not available
8.	Telemedicine to deliver diabetes care in low-and middle-income countries: A systematic review and meta-analysis	No outcome
9.	Telehealth Use in Geriatrics Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic-A Scoping Review and Evidence Synthesis	Data Not available for LMICs
10.	Teletherapy Versus In-Person Psychotherapy for Depression: A Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials	Full text not available
11.	Teleophthalmology and its evolving role in a COVID-19 pandemic: A scoping review	Data Not available for LMICs
12.	Telemedicine application in the care of acute myocardial infarction patients: Systematic review and meta-analysis	Wrong study design
13.	Teledentistry: A systematic review of the literature	No outcome
14.	Non-adherence to telemedicine interventions for drug users: systematic review	No outcome
15.	Telesurgery presence in low and middle income settings: A systematic review	Wrong study design
16.	The role of telehealth physical therapy in stroke: A systematic review	Full text not available
17.	Telehealth and Telemedicine in Response to Critical Coronavirus: A Systematic Review	Data Not available for LMICs
18.	Telemental Health Use in the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Scoping Review and Evidence Gap Mapping	Data Not available for LMICs

19.	Telemental health in low- And middle-income countries: A systematic review	No outcome
20.	Advances in obstetric telemonitoring: a systematic review	No outcome
21.	Systematic review on what works, what does not work and	No
	why of implementation of mobile health (mHealth) projects in Africa	intervention
22.	Cost-effectiveness of diabetic retinopathy screening programs	No outcome
	using telemedicine: A systematic review	
23.	Current status and future directions of mhealth interventions	No outcome
	for health system strengthening in India: Systematic review	
24.	Use of telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic: Scoping	No outcome
	review	
25.	Teleoncology in sub-Saharan Africa: A literature review	No outcome
26.	Telehealth-Based Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A	Population
	Systematic Review of Features and Challenges	
27.	The promise of telemedicine in Pakistan: A systematic review	No outcome
28.	Usability of Telemedicine in Physical Therapy Rehabilitation:	Wrong study
	Systematic review	design
29.	Use of telehealth in home nutrition support: Challenges and	Wrong study
	advantages	design
30.	Needs, gaps and opportunities for standard and e-mental	No outcome
	health care among at-risk populations in the Asia Pacific in the	
	context of COVID-19: a rapid scoping review	
31.	Telemedicine in Southeast Asia: A Systematic Review	Full text not available
32.	Telemedicine across borders: A systematic review of factors	Data Not
	that hinder or support implementation	available for
		LMICs
33.	Role of telehealth in diabetic foot ulcer management - A	Population
	systematic review	
34.	Implementation barriers for mHealth for non-communicable	No
	diseases management in low and middle income countries: A	intervention
	scoping review and field-based views from implementers	
35.	Enablers and barriers in providing telediabetes services for	No
	Indigenous communities: A systematic review	intervention
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# Supplemental file 3: PRIOR checklist (preferred reporting items for overviews of reviews)

Section topic	Item No	ltem	Location where item is reported
Title			
Title	1	Identify the report as an overview of reviews.	1
Abstract			
Abstract	2	Provide a comprehensive and accurate summary of the purpose, methods, and results of the overview of reviews.	2
Introduction			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for conducting the overview of reviews in the context of existing knowledge.	5
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of the objective(s) or question(s) addressed by the overview of reviews.	5
Methods			
Eligibility criteria	5a	Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the overview of reviews. If supplemental primary studies were included, this should be stated, with a rationale.	6-7
	5b	Specify the definition of "systematic review" as used in the inclusion criteria for the overview of reviews.	NA
Information sources	6	Specify all databases, registers, websites, organizations, reference	7

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		lists, and other sources searched or consulted to identify systematic reviews and supplemental primary studies (if included). Specify the date when each source was last searched or consulted.	
Search strategy	7	Present the full search strategies for all databases, registers and websites, such that they could be reproduced. Describe any search filters and limits applied.	Provided in supplemental file 1
	8a	Describe the methods used to decide whether a systematic review or supplemental primary study (if included) met the inclusion criteria of the overview of reviews.	NA
Selection process	8b	Describe how overlap in the populations, interventions, comparators, and/or outcomes of systematic reviews was identified and managed during study selection.	6-7
	9a	Describe the methods used to collect data from reports.	NA
Data collection process	9b	If applicable, describe the methods used to identify and manage primary study overlap at the level of the comparison and outcome during data collection. For each	NA

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		outcome, specify the method used to illustrate and/or quantify the degree of primary study overlap across systematic reviews.	
	9с	If applicable, specify the methods used to manage discrepant data across systematic reviews during data collection.	NA
Data items	10	List and define all variables and outcomes for which data were sought. Describe any assumptions made and/or measures taken to identify and clarify missing or unclear information.	8
	11a	Describe the methods used to assess risk of bias or methodological quality of the included systematic reviews.	NA
Risk of bias assessment	11b	Describe the methods used to collect data on (from the systematic reviews) and/or assess the risk of bias of the primary studies included in the systematic reviews. Provide a justification for instances where flawed, incomplete, or missing assessments are identified but not reassessed.	NA

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	11c	Describe the methods used to assess the risk of bias of supplemental primary studies (if included).	NA
	12a	Describe the methods used to summarise or synthesise results and provide a rationale for the choice(s).	8
Synthesis methods	12b	Describe any methods used to explore possible causes of heterogeneity among results.	NA
	12c	Describe any sensitivity analyses conducted to assess the robustness of the synthesised results.	NA
		Describe the methods used to collect data on (from the systematic reviews) and/	8
Reporting bias assessment	13	or assess the risk of bias due to missing results in a summary or synthesis (arising from reporting biases at the levels of the systematic reviews, primary studies, and supplemental primary studies, if included).	NA
Certainty assessment	14	Describe the methods used to collect data on (from the systematic reviews) and/or assess certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for an outcome.	NA
Results			

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Systematic review and supplemental primary study selection	<b>1</b> 5a	Describe the results of the search and selection process, including the number of records screened, assessed for eligibility, and included in the overview of reviews, ideally with a flow diagram.	8-9
	15b	Provide a list of studies that might appear to meet the inclusion criteria, but were excluded, with the main reason for exclusion.	Supplemental file 2
Characteristics of systematic reviews and supplemental primary studies	16	Cite each included systematic review and supplemental primary study (if included) and present its characteristics.	9 and Table 1
Primary study overlap	17	Describe the extent of primary study overlap across the included systematic reviews.	NA
	18a	Present assessments of risk of bias or methodological quality for each included systematic review.	NA
Risk of bias in systematic reviews, primary studies, and supplemental primary studies	18b	Present assessments (collected from systematic reviews or assessed anew) of the risk of bias of the primary studies included in the systematic reviews.	NA
	18c	Present assessments of the risk of bias of	NA

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		supplemental primary studies (if included).	
Summary or synthesis of results	<b>19</b> a	For all outcomes, summarise the evidence from the systematic reviews and supplemental primary studies (if included). If meta-analyses were done, present for each the summary estimate and its precision and measures of statistical heterogeneity. If comparing groups, describe the direction of the effect.	10-13
	19b	If meta-analyses were done, present results of all investigations of possible causes of heterogeneity.	NA
	19c	If meta-analyses were done, present results of all sensitivity analyses conducted to assess the robustness of synthesised results.	NA
Reporting biases	20	Present assessments (collected from systematic reviews and/or assessed anew) of the risk of bias due to missing primary studies, analyses, or results in a summary or synthesis (arising from reporting biases at the levels of the systematic reviews, primary studies, and supplemental primary studies, if included) for	NA

Section topic	Item No	Item	Location where item is reported
		each summary or synthesis assessed.	
Certainty of evidence	21	Present assessments (collected or assessed anew) of certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for each outcome.	NA
Discussion			
	22a	Summarise the main findings, including any discrepancies in findings across the included systematic reviews and supplemental primary studies (if included).	NA
	22b	Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence.	13-14
Discussion	22c	Discuss any limitations of the evidence from systematic reviews, their primary studies, and supplemental primary studies (if included) included in the overview of reviews. Discuss any limitations of the overview of reviews methods used.	16
	22d	Discuss implications for practice, policy, and future research (both systematic reviews and primary research). Consider the relevance of the findings to the end users of the overview of reviews, eg, healthcare providers,	13-16

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		policymakers, patients, among others.	
Other information			
	23a	Provide registration information for the overview of reviews, including register name and registration number, or state that the overview of reviews was not registered.	5
Registration and protocol	23b	Indicate where the overview of reviews protocol can be accessed, or state that a protocol was not prepared.	5, Yes on PROSPERO
	23c	Describe and explain any amendments to information provided at registration or in the protocol. Indicate the stage of the overview of reviews at which amendments were made.	NA
Support	24	Describe sources of financial or non-financial support for the overview of reviews, and the role of the funders or sponsors in the overview of reviews.	16
Competing interests	25	Declare any competing interests of the overview of reviews' authors.	16
Author information	26a	Provide contact information for the corresponding author.	Title page

Section topic	Item No	ltem	Location where item is reported
	26b	Describe the contributions of individual authors and identify the guarantor of the overview of reviews.	16
Availability of data and other materials	27	Report which of the following are available, where they can be found, and under which conditions they may be accessed: template data collection forms; data collected from included systematic reviews and supplemental primary studies; analytic code; any other materials used in the overview of reviews.	16