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Improving health organization practices through participatory research – Is it worth it? A Participatory Systematic Mixed Studies Review

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Organizational Participatory Research (OPR) blends research and action to produce knowledge that can improve organization practices. Organization members may either be consulted or work with researchers making decisions throughout the research process. The differences between these two levels of organization members' research participation are unknown, as are the processes associated with pitfalls (e.g., adverse outcomes or challenges) of OPR. Such knowledge is warranted for health organizations and researchers interested in practice improvement initiatives.

We are undertaking a participatory systematic mixed studies review to 1) identify processes associated with OPR outcomes; 2) understand OPR processes associated with pitfalls of research co-construction; and 3) measure the association between research co-construction and unanticipated benefits of this type of participation.

From the 8873 citations retrieved through our search of peer-reviewed and grey literature sources, we identified 992 potentially relevant publications and selected 107 studies to include in our synthesis. We will present findings from our qualitative and quantitative syntheses regarding processes, outcomes, extra benefits, and suggested best practices of OPR.

