

Health Institute Bulletin - BIS - CALL FOR PAPERS

The Health Institute of São Paulo, in partnership with the School of Nursing at the University of São Paulo (USP - São Paulo Campus), Fiocruz Brasília and the Norwegian Institute of Public Health, invite you to submit papers for a special issue of the Health Institute Bulletin - BIS (<http://www.saude.sp.gov.br/instituto-de-saude/producao-editorial/boletim-do-instituto-de-saude>). This special issue of BIS will be published in the second half of 2019, in Portuguese, Spanish and English.

THEME:

The theme of the special issue is **‘Synthesis of Qualitative Evidence - Results of empirical and methodological studies’**. Evidence from qualitative studies can play an important role in policy making and practice for health and social care, alongside systematic reviews of other kinds of evidence. Qualitative evidence synthesis (or systematic reviews of qualitative studies) allows us to understand, in a rigorous way and in relation to different contexts, the experiences and perspectives, as well as the values, needs and interests, of service users and health service workers regarding health issues and health care delivery. Evidence from qualitative studies can make important contributions to dialogue and decision making for health and social policies, to how policies are formulated and implemented, and to practice. By synthesising findings across studies, qualitative evidence synthesis methodologies can provide broad insights into health and social issues and care delivery, and thereby inform decision-making for health and social care.

INVITATION:

We invite researchers to contribute papers that present the results of qualitative evidence syntheses or that present the findings of methodological research in this area. Authors should submit an abstract of up to one page (in Portuguese, Spanish or English), by e-mail to Tereza Toma (ttoma@isaude.sp.gov.br or ttoma.ats@gmail.com). **The deadline for submitting abstracts is November 30, 2018.** Abstracts will be reviewed by the editors of the thematic edition and up to 10 articles will be selected for submission of full papers. After the selection, the authors will have until 03/30/ 2019 to submit full papers.

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