Poster

Title: **Conducting a Literature Review using NVivo**

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Session Learning Outcomes

By the end of this session, delegates will be able to:

Use NVivo to streamline the process of constructing a literature review.

Session Outline

Key issues to be addressed are:

The use NVivo to create a searchable library of PDFs. A reading list is created from a small sample of 'seed' journal articles. This list is converted into an Excel spreadsheet which can be sorted by year, author, title, and publisher by using the Data Filter function. An online search is conducted for PDF versions of all items on the list. The downloaded files are renamed using an adapted Harvard style and imported into NVivo creating a searchable library. While this is initially time-consuming, the benefits of being able to search for key terms and 'jump' directly to them within all relevant documents is invaluable.

I used the reference lists from 79 journal articles to create a reading list of 1,626 titles. I then downloaded 798 PDFs which I imported into NVivo. I now have a searchable electronic library which has made finding evidence and quotes from previous publications much more straightforward. I no longer need to print, read, use highlighters, or take notes to remind myself where key passages are – I simply use NVivo to search for what I need.

This poster details the process I followed to streamline the construction of a literature review.