Background Review and Objectives

Experiment 2 - Practical Notes

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Aim

To complete the background review and objectives stage of a supervised pharmacy-practice project.

Principle

A background review identifies what is known, the uncertainty the project addresses and the measures needed to answer its question.

Requirements

- Supervisor-approved project topic, institutional requirements and authorised project documents.
- Project record and analysis tools appropriate to the approved design.

Procedure

1. Map the question

List the concepts, population and setting relevant to the project.

2. Search and record

Maintain a dated search log and a table of relevant original studies or authorised reports.

3. Appraise

Compare design, findings, limitations and relevance instead of copying conclusions.

4. Write objectives

Create a primary measurable objective and only the secondary objectives the approved data can support.

5. Connect to design

Explain how each objective will be measured and analysed.

Observations and Record

Project record item	Entry
Search log	_____
Evidence summary and limitations	_____
Knowledge gap	_____
Primary / secondary objectives	_____
Measurement plan	_____

Result

Project stage: ____. Completed record: ____. Supervisor feedback: ____. Next action: ____.

Precautions

- This is a project-work guide and blank record, not a completed research study or an approval certificate.
- Use only authorised data and keep participant identifiers separate from the analysis dataset.
- Report actual findings, protocol departures and limitations; never fill missing data with invented observations.

Viva Questions and Answers

1. Why specify the question before collecting data?

The question determines design, measures and the intended analysis.

2. What makes the project reviewable?

An approved plan, traceable data, an appropriate analysis and an honest account of limitations.

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