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Be short, accurate, and unambiguous giving your paper a distinct outlook

- Begin with the subject of the review
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(not more than 50 characters)

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(maximum 250 words)

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- Raise the issue of your argument.

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3-5 words, separated by semicolons

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(maximum word count - 3000 words and maximum of 5 tables/figures to be attached)

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- Introductions should be short which tells the reader why you undertook the review
- The introduction should define the topic and purpose of the review and describe its relevance to practice
- The traditional way of doing this is to discuss the epidemiology of the condition/or topic of interest.

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- Statement of argument
- What you are advocating will provide the spine of your review article



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- Be comprehensive in trying to identify all major relevant research.
- Critically evaluate the quality of research reviewed.
- Avoid selective referencing of only information that supports your conclusions.
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 - o pathophysiology
 - o clinical presentation (signs and symptoms),
 - o diagnostic evaluation (history, physical examination, laboratory evaluation, and diagnostic imaging),
 - o differential diagnosis,
 - o treatment (goals, medical/surgical therapy, laboratory testing, patient education, and follow-up),
 - o prognosis,
 - o prevention, and
 - o future directions.
- For a comprehensive and balanced review acknowledges controversies, unresolved questions, recent developments, other viewpoints, and any apparent conflicts of interest or instances of bias that might affect the strength of the evidence presented



Section Five - Conclusion

In order of their appearance

- I. Strengths and weaknesses of methods
 - II. Discuss how the results support the current literature or refute current knowledge
 - III. Future directions "So what?" and "where next?" Impact on current thinking or practice
- Also make note of the following
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