

Research	Clinical Audit	Service Evaluation
Designed to derive new generalisable knowledge	Designed and conducted to produce information to inform delivery of best care	Designed and conducted solely to define or judge current care
Quantitative: Designed to test a hypothesis Qualitative: to explore/identify themes	Designed to answer: 'Does this service reach a predetermined standard?'	Designed to answer: 'What standard does this service achieve?'
Methodology addresses clearly defined questions, aims and objectives	Measures against standards	Measures without reference to a standard
Study design may involve allocating patients to intervention groups	No allocation to intervention	No allocation to intervention
Normally requires Research Ethics Committee Review :if involves patients	Does not typically require Research Ethics Committee Review	Does not require Research Ethics Committee Review
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