

Barriers To Addressing The Social Determinants Of Health In Primary Care In Eastern Mediterranean Region

A Rapid Qualitative Review

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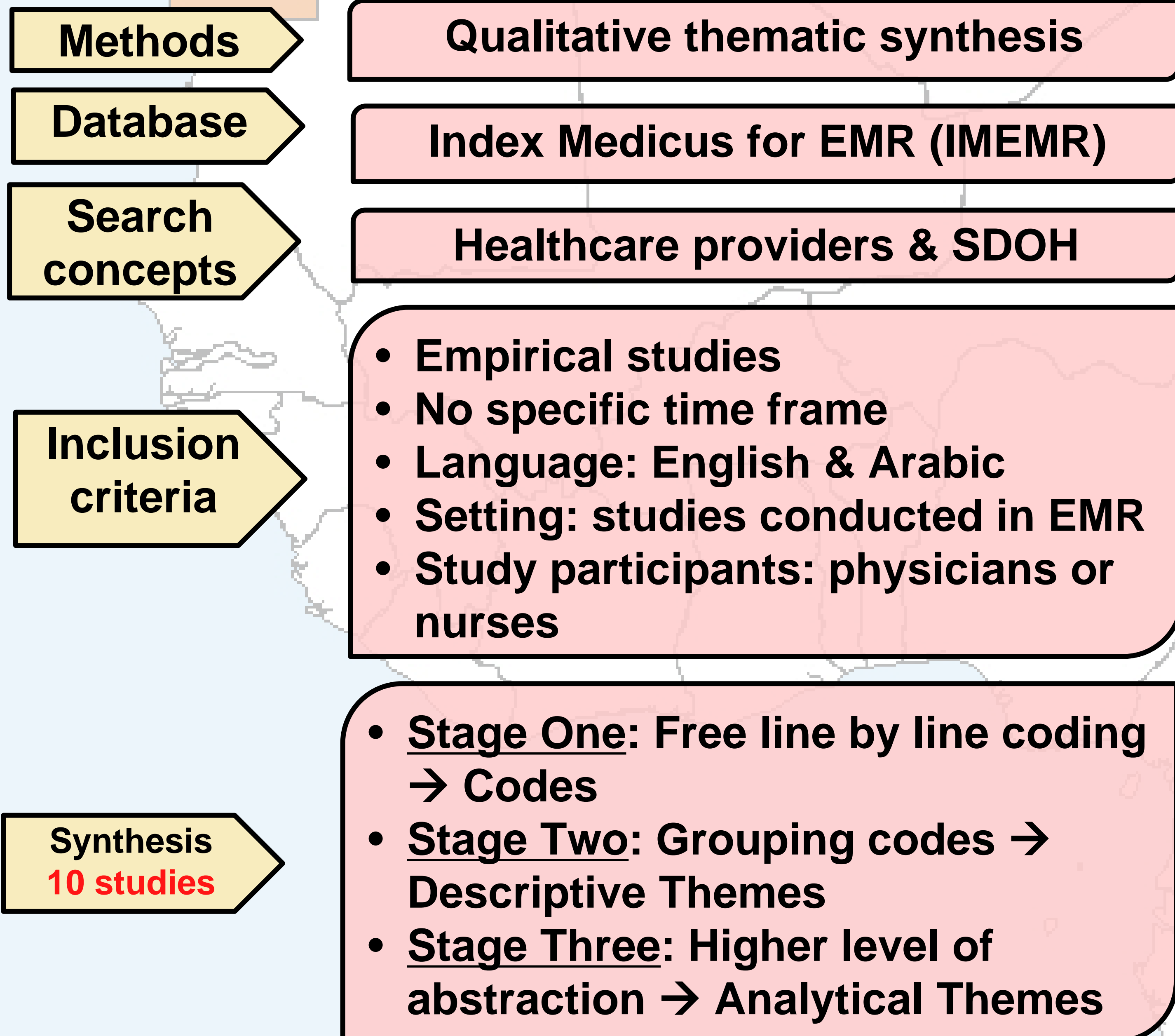
Context:

It is essential to address the barriers faced by healthcare providers in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) in taking into account the social determinants of health (SDOH) of their patients.

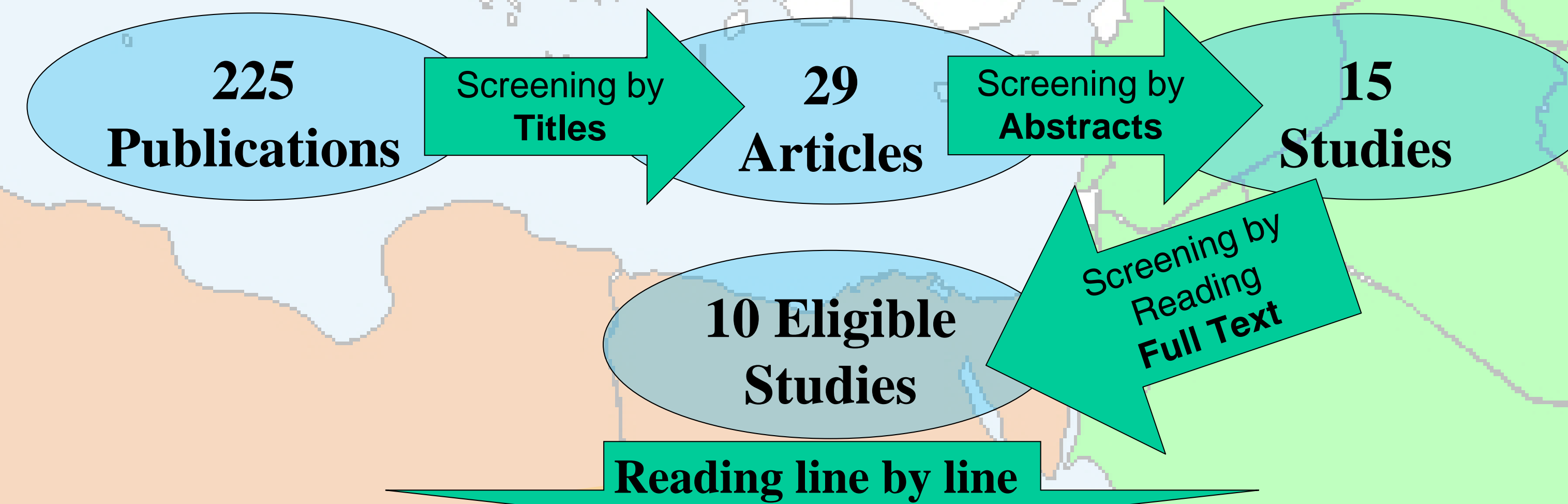
Objectives:

To determine the barriers faced by healthcare providers in EMR when addressing their patients' social challenges during the clinical encounter.

Design:



Results:



37 codes

- E.g. -Heavy workload
- Fear of the perpetrator
- Feelings of shame
- Time constraints

Grouping Codes

11 Descriptive Themes

- E.g. -Limited availability of social support organizations
- Ambiguity of providers' role
- Lack of available interventions
- Patients' cultural and religious beliefs

Applying Abstraction

4 Analytical Themes

- Concerns about discussing SDOH in clinical care
- Fear to face reality (e.g. abuser and family)
- Barriers addressing SDOH at the system level
- Unsuitable atmosphere to discuss SDOH in clinical practice

Conclusions & Recommendations:

- Educate healthcare providers about the importance of SDOH
- Strengthen the doctor-patient relationship
- Raise awareness of patients about importance of discussing social challenges within the clinical encounter



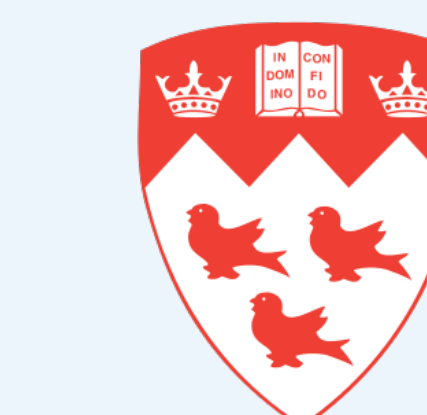
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