



## WORKSHOP

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February  
25-26, 2016

9am – 4pm

Bannatyne  
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The workshop has a maximum registration capacity of **10 people**. So RSVP today!

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The Knowledge Synthesis Platform (CHI) will be hosting a two day workshop featuring **Adrienne Stevens and Chantelle Garritty**:

## Rapid Review

### Overview:

Rapid reviews have emerged as a streamlined approach to synthesizing evidence. Although there is growing use of rapid review 'methods', and proliferation of rapid review products, there is a dearth of published literature on rapid review methodology. This workshop outlines our experience with rapidly producing, publishing and disseminating evidence summaries. Our 8-step approach for producing evidence summaries has been developed iteratively, based on evidence (where available), experience, and knowledge user feedback. The aim of our evidence summary approach is to deliver quality evidence that is both timely and user-friendly.

This workshop is intended as an introductory course for people who want to develop expertise in conducting rapid reviews and therefore will be geared towards those with some experience in conducting systematic reviews, or those with familiarity in the use of systematic reviews and/or rapid reviews. This course is therefore open to researchers, and for policy analysts and other decision makers who use the results of rapid reviews to inform emergent and urgent decision making.

### About the Facilitators:

**Adrienne Stevens**, MSc is a Clinical Research Manager with the Clinical Epidemiology Program at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute. She has 15 years of experience with systematic reviews and led Cochrane Canada's systematic reviews training program. She has been involved with rapid reviews for several years and is a Co-Convenor of the newly established Cochrane Methods Rapid Reviews group. She is undertaking her PhD at the University of Split School of Medicine, Croatia in translational biomedicine; her doctoral work is in relation to rapid reviews and reporting. Her research interests are in systematic reviews, rapid reviews, quality of reporting, and bias in research.

**Chantelle Garritty** (MSc) is the Senior Operations Manager of the Ottawa Methods Centre (OMC), Clinical Epidemiology Program, based at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute (OHRI) with 20 years of experience managing national and international research endeavors. Chantelle has also been involved in guiding various knowledge synthesis projects, and is currently the Scientific Lead of the Rapid Reviews portfolio at OHRI working closely with several health care decision-making organizations providing rapid review services as well as training and education on rapid review methodology. Chantelle recently become Co-Convenor of the newly established Cochrane Methods Rapid Reviews group. She has completed graduate studies in both Clinical Psychology and Public Health. Currently, Chantelle is completing her doctoral studies at the University of Split, School of Medicine, Croatia in translation biomedicine focusing on optimal formats to improve the uptake of rapid review evidence by policymakers.

