

A report that usually includes a review of the highest level of evidence or of recent evidence and that may restrict the literature to one or two databases.

**Note 1:** The report always:

- describes the characteristics and current use of the technology, and
- evaluates safety and effectiveness issues

**Note 2:** The report does not always critically appraise the quality of the evidence base or provide information on costs and financial impact.

**Note 3:** A rapid review is typically not as rigorous as a mini-HTA or a HTA report but is quicker to produce.

**Note 4:** Related terms include [health technology assessment](#), [HTA report](#), [mini-HTA](#), [level of evidence](#).