Health departments are welcome to adapt this tool. Requirements for adapting this tool include: Health Evidence™ and Peel Public Health are acknowledged for tool development; and adapted tool cannot be used for profit (not to be sold).



The Health Evidence™ team has reviewed the update for the evidence-based health care (EBHC) 5.0 pyramid for accessing pre-appraised evidence and guidance and concluded the 6S pyramid continues to be the most applicable version for a public health audience. The team would like to acknowledge the value of differentiating between evidence-based online texts and guidelines as in the 5.0 pyramid. These differences are noted in the ‘summaries’ section of the Health Evidence™ practice tool “Resources to Guide & Track your search”.

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**Have you used this tool?**

We would appreciate hearing from those who have used the tool, perspectives on its usefulness, how it was adapted, and any suggestions for revision:

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