Systematic review of barriers, modifiers and benefits involved in participation in cancer clinical trials

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Authors' objectives
The aim of this report was to undertake a systematic review of the relevant literature relating to the barriers, modifiers and benefits involved in participating in randomised controlled trials of cancer therapies as perceived by health professionals and patients.

Authors' conclusions
The methodological limitations of the primary studies identified by this review do not allow a clear interpretation of the barriers, moderators and benefits involved in trial participation as perceived by patients and health professionals. It is necessary to be cautious in stating what is and is not a barrier to trial participation. Instead it is concluded that the particular interplay of barriers, moderators and benefits relevant to participation in cancer trials needs to be prospectively identified by trialists in the light of the themes identified in the literature. Checklists to guide this process are included in this report.

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