Retrospective chart review

The retrospective chart review (RCR), also known as a medical record review, is a type of research design in which pre-recorded, patient-centered data are used to answer one or more research questions [1].

The data used in such reviews exist in many forms: electronic databases, results from diagnostic tests, and notes from health service providers to mention a few. RCR is a popular methodology widely applied in many healthcare-based disciplines such as epidemiology, quality assessment, professional education and residency training, inpatient care, and clinical research

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