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3 32 **ABSTRACT**
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5 33 **Background:** Co-design strengthens partnerships between healthcare workers and patients. It
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8 34 also facilitates collaborations supporting the development, design, and delivery of healthcare
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10 35 services. Prior rehabilitation reviews have focused mainly on clinical and organisational
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12 36 outcomes of co-design with less focus on the lived experience of rehabilitation patients.
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15 37 **Objectives:** To explore patient experiences of co-designed hospital rehabilitation
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18 38 interventions.
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20 39 **Design:** Rapid review and evidence synthesis of the literature.
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22 40 **Data sources:** CINAHL, MEDLINE, Embase and Cochrane
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24 41 **Study selection:** Studies reporting patient experiences of co-designed rehabilitation
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27 42 interventions in hospitals.
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29 43 **Results:** 4156 studies were screened, and 38 full-text studies were assessed for eligibility.
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31 44 Seven studies were included in the final rapid review. All eligible studies used qualitative
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34 45 research methods. Thematic synthesis revealed that co-designed rehabilitation interventions
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36 46 can enable a meaningful experience for patients and facilitate tailoring of treatments to align
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38 47 with individual needs. Personalised rehabilitation increases patient involvement in
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40 48 rehabilitation planning, delivery, and decision-making. It also promotes positive feelings of
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43 49 empowerment and hope.
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45 50 **Conclusion:** This rapid review supports the implementation of co-designed rehabilitation
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48 51 interventions to improve patient experience.
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50 52 **PROSPERO registration number:** CRD42021264547.
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3 57 **Strengths and limitations of this study**
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- 6 58 • This rapid review was co-authored and co-designed with rehabilitation consumers.
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8 59 • Rapid review methodology facilitated the timely production of evidence on this
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10 emerging area of research.
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13 61 • Fidelity of the review was strengthened by adherence to a published study protocol, a-
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15 priori rapid review methods and systematic reporting of study results.
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17 63 • The major limitation was the rapid review process which restricted the number of
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19 years included, languages and number of databases searched.
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65 INTRODUCTION

66 Ensuring positive experiences for patients is a cornerstone of person-centred care.¹
67 Healthcare providers, health professionals, and policy makers seek consumer involvement
68 when designing safe and high value health services across the globe.² This is reflected in the
69 “Quadruple Aim”,³ a global framework for healthcare quality improvement, which emphasises
70 positive patient experiences as a central element of person-centred care.³ The Beryl Institute
71 describes patient experience as the “sum of all interactions shared by an organisation’s
72 culture that influence patient perceptions across the continuum of care.”⁴ Measuring and
73 fostering positive patient experiences extends beyond documenting patient satisfaction,
74 outcomes and perceptions.^{2, 5} It also encompasses consumer engagement, co-design and co-
75 production of interventions, based on high quality interactions between consumers and their
76 healthcare team.² Positive patient experiences and consumer involvement in care design and
77 delivery are associated with improved safety and clinical outcomes.^{2, 6-8}
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79 “Co-design” aims to improve patient experiences by involving stakeholders such as patients,
80 carers, and families in the planning, design, and implementation of healthcare
81 improvements.^{1, 2, 7, 9-11} Co-design also involves care providers and organisations to improve
82 patient experiences.⁹⁻¹¹ Healthcare improvements which are created in partnership with
83 patients who have experience of the problem being addressed, are arguably more likely to
84 achieve positive outcomes.^{1, 9-11} Hospital standards across the globe emphasise the
85 importance of three closely related concepts in healthcare delivery: co-design, patient
86 engagement, and shared decision-making.^{12, 13} Patient engagement involves care-recipients in
87 the co-design of services⁸. It also relates to the connections that patients have with health
88 professionals,¹⁴ and the degree to which patients participate in the design and delivery of
89 health initiatives.¹³ Shared decision-making promotes patient involvement in clinical

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3 90 decision-making in partnership with health professionals.¹⁵ Shared decision-making can be
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5 91 used in the development, design and implementation of healthcare interventions by creating
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7 92 tailored treatment programs and patient-centred goals according to patients' preferences.¹⁶
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12 94 Rehabilitation aims to enable people to optimise their mobility, capability, autonomy,
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14 95 function, and quality of life.¹⁷ Rehabilitation also aims to provide hospital patients with the
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16 96 skills and tools to discharge home safely and independently.¹⁸ An emerging area of co-design
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18 97 and rehabilitation research is mHealth which is the use of mobile technology in healthcare
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20 98 delivery.^{19,20} A systematic review on mHealth systems and co-design by Noorbergen *et al*¹⁹
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22 99 mapped co-design methods to four stages: pre-design, generative, evaluative, and post-
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24 100 design. They showed benefits for patients at each of these stages.¹⁹ Although the literature
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26 101 noted the importance of the post-design stage, it was not included in the vast majority of
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28 102 studies.¹⁹ Given this gap, the current review mainly focuses on the post-design stage of
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30 103 rehabilitation co-design, which relates to how patients report their experiences of inpatient
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40 106 Prior systematic reviews have evaluated co-design in relation to services and clinical
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42 107 outcomes in hospitals;⁷ the organisational and patient outcomes of co-designed hospital
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44 108 services and tools;⁶ effects of patient engagement strategies on patients and health services;⁸
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46 109 the influence that co-designed interventions can have on changing health professional
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48 110 behaviour;²² and contemporary co-design approaches in research and practice.²³ There is only
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50 111 limited research on how patients in hospital experience co-designed rehabilitation
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52 112 interventions. The primary objective of the current study is to evaluate patient experiences of
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54 113 co-designed rehabilitation interventions in hospitals. We also review methods used to co-
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3 114 design hospital rehabilitation interventions and identify perceived barriers and facilitators to
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10 117 **METHODS AND ANALYSIS**

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13 118 The protocol for this rapid review has been published online in BMJ Open²⁴ and registered on
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15 119 the international prospective register of systematic reviews (PROSPERO
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17 120 CRD42021264547).²⁵ The rapid review has been completed in accordance with the Preferred
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19 121 Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) as there is no peer-
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21 122 reviewed reporting guideline for rapid reviews.^{26, 27}
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27 124 A rapid review was performed to satisfy stakeholder requests for timely evidence on this
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29 125 emerging research area. A rapid review uses streamlined methodology to provide an
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31 126 accelerated version of a traditional systematic review.²⁸ The Cochrane Rapid Reviews
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33 127 Method Group provided provisional recommendations and guidance on the methods of rapid
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35 128 reviews which has been implemented in the searching of the literature for this paper.²⁸ Their
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37 129 recommendations distinct to rapid reviews include the use of date restrictions during database
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39 130 searching, limiting databases searched, and a limit on grey and supplemental searching.²⁸
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41 131 These abbreviated search methods have been shown to expediate the review process without
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43 132 reducing methodological rigour when compared to systematic reviews.²⁹
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48 134 **Patient and public involvement**

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51 135 This rapid review and its preceding protocol paper have been co-authored by two consumer
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53 136 representatives.²⁴ The consumer representatives assisted in the co-design of this paper in
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55 137 several ways including the conception, development, and refinement of the research question;
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57 138 providing advice on the thematic analysis and data synthesis; and editing and revising the
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8 141 **Eligibility criteria**
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10 142 Studies were included if they were manuscripts with any empirical study design published in
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12 143 English in either journals or conference proceedings; involved adult participants; conducted
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14 144 in an inpatient rehabilitation hospital such as acute, subacute, or slow stream musculoskeletal,
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16 145 neurological, or cardiorespiratory rehabilitation; involved a co-designed rehabilitation
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18 146 intervention; reported on patient experiences. Studies were excluded if they involved mental
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20 147 health alone, vocational, drug and alcohol rehabilitation; involved rehabilitation in the home
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22 148 or an outpatient setting; were protocols, abstracts of any type, book chapters, editorials, or
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24 149 doctoral theses; included only participants that required a medical decision-maker to
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26 150 participate on their behalf.
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33 152 **Identification and selection of included papers**
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35 153 The search strategy was devised with a health services librarian. Search terms were
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37 154 developed from key concepts including patient experiences, co-design, rehabilitation
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39 155 interventions, acute healthcare settings, hospitals. The databases of Cochrane, MEDLINE,
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41 156 Embase and CINAHL were searched from 1 January 2000 to 25 April 2022. The search
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49 159 The search references were downloaded and combined in EndNote 20.³⁰ They were then
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51 160 imported into Covidence, a systematic review program.³¹ After removal of duplicate studies
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53 161 in Covidence, two reviewers (JPM, SCS/CT) independently screened the titles and abstracts
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55 162 before completing the full text review. Screening differences were resolved by discussion
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8 165 **Method quality assessment**

10 166 Studies with any empirical design were eligible for inclusion. Although we made provisions
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15 168 qualitative studies. Therefore these were appraised with the JBI Critical Appraisal Checklist
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17 169 for Qualitative Research.^{32, 33} This has a 10 question checklist which are accompanied by
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20 170 detailed explanatory notes which assist reviewers to assess the methodological bias of the
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22 171 included studies in a systematic review.^{32, 33} Two critical appraisers (JPM, CT) assessed
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24 172 independently the methodological bias of each included study in accordance with the JBI
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27 173 checklist.³¹⁻³³ Any differences in the appraisals between the two authors were resolved
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29 174 through consultation with a third reviewer (MEM).
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33 176 **Data extraction and management**

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36 177 The Covidence Extraction 2.0 template was employed to extract the study characteristics
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38 178 from the included studies. Characteristics extracted included aim of study, healthcare setting,
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40 179 study design, population description, descriptive statistics if applicable, outcome data if
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43 180 applicable, co-designed intervention characteristics and description, co-design strategy used,
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45 181 patient experiences, themes, and facilitators or barriers to co-design.³¹ This process was
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47 182 completed independently by two reviewers (JPM, CT) for all included studies. Differences in
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50 183 the extracted data were resolved through deliberation and consensus between the two
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56 186 **Data analysis/synthesis**

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59 187 Data from the included studies were analysed and synthesised according to qualitative
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3 188 methods described by Thomas and Harden.³⁴ This approach involved three main stages and
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5 189 has the support of the Cochrane Qualitative and Implementation Methods Group.³⁵ Firstly,
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7 190 thematic findings from each included study were extracted in Covidence.³¹ Secondly, these
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9 191 themes were then grouped according to their similarities to develop overarching descriptive
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11 192 themes to encapsulate common insights.³⁴ Thirdly, the descriptive themes were analysed to
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13 193 form new analytical themes to answer the questions posed by this rapid review.³⁴
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195 **Confidence in cumulative evidence**

196 The Confidence in Evidence from Reviews of Qualitative Research (GRADE-CERQual) was
197 used to make an assessment of the overall findings of this rapid review.³⁶ The GRADE-
198 CERQual includes four components: adequacy of data, coherence, relevance, and
199 methodological limitations.³⁶ The four components are used to assess the confidence in the
200 evidence as very low or low, moderate or high. These levels describe the degree to which a
201 review finding accurately represents the topic under review.³⁶ A GRADE-CERQual
202 Summary of Findings table with an assessment of each review finding was completed by one
203 author (JPM) and confirmed by a second reviewer (CT).

205 **RESULTS**

206 **Included studies**

207 A total of 6112 studies were imported for screening. 4156 titles and abstracts were screened
208 after 1956 duplicate papers were removed. The full text of 38 studies were screened for
209 eligibility. In total seven studies were included in this rapid review. A PRIMSA flow diagram
210 is provided in Figure 1.²⁶

212 **Quality appraisal**

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3 213 The seven included studies all had qualitative designs hence they were appraised with the JBI
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5 214 Critical Appraisal Checklist for Qualitative Research.^{32, 33} All studies demonstrated congruity
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8 215 between their research methodology and purported philosophical perspective. All studies had
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10 216 congruity between their research question, data collection and analysis, research methods and
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12 217 interpretation of results.³⁷⁻⁴³ Two studies addressed the relationship between the study
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14 218 participants and the researcher.^{40, 42} One study included a statement on the theoretical
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16 219 perspectives and cultural orientation of the research team.⁴³ All studies were conducted
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18 220 ethically, had adequate representation of the voices of their participants, and had conclusions
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20 221 that were logically drawn.³⁷⁻⁴³ See Table 1 for the quality appraisal summary.
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25 26 223 **Characteristics of included studies**

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28 224 The number of co-design participants ranged from 11 to 201 patients (Table 2). All studies
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30 225 used qualitative research methods and were conducted in inpatient rehabilitation hospitals in
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32 226 high-income countries including three studies published in the UK. Five out of the seven
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34 227 studies focused on neurological rehabilitation. Five out of seven were published within the
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40 229 41 42 230 **Types of co-designed rehabilitation interventions**

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44 231 Collaborative goal setting was employed as the co-design intervention in three studies.^{37, 38, 43}
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46 232 Two involved a goal setting workbook,^{37, 38} while one used an interactive goal setting
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48 233 application (Table 2).⁴³ Two studies involved personalised neurological rehabilitation.^{40, 42}
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50 234 One study involved the development of care partnerships using patient advisors.⁴¹ One study
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52 235 implemented improvements and increased supervision in stroke units.³⁹
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Table 1 Methodological quality assessment for included studies using the JBI Critical Appraisal Checklist for Qualitative Research^{32, 33}

Study	Congruity between research methodology and purported philosophical perspective.	Congruity between the research question or aims and the research methodology.	Congruity between the data collection methods and the research methodology.	Congruity between the analysis of the data and the research methodology.	Congruity between the interpretation of results and the research methodology.	Locates the researcher theoretically and culturally.	Influence of the researcher on the researcher and vice-versa.	Participants voices were represented adequately.	Evidence of ethical approval.	Conclusions made are based on the data.
Holliday <i>et al</i> ³⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Holliday <i>et al</i> ³⁸	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jones <i>et al</i> ³⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Last <i>et al</i> ⁴⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pomey <i>et al</i> ⁴¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scheel-Sailer <i>et al</i> ⁴²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Strubbia <i>et al</i> ⁴³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Table 2 Patient experiences of co-designed rehabilitation interventions.

Author (year), country	Study design, participants (n)	Setting	Aim of study	Co-designed rehabilitation intervention	Co-design strategy	Barriers and facilitators to co-design implementation	Patient experiences
Holliday <i>et al</i> ³⁷ (2007) United Kingdom	Qualitative, n = 28	Inpatient neurological rehabilitation unit.	To investigate patients' perceptions of two goal setting methods that differ in the amount of patient involvement.	An increased participation goal setting approach.	Provision of a goal setting workbook and use of a key worker role to increase patient contact time with staff.	Barriers: staff shortages and time constraints. Facilitators: positive relationship between key worker and patients.	Patients felt that the goals were specific and individualised when they were involved in goal setting.
Holliday <i>et al</i> ³⁸ (2007) United Kingdom	Non-randomised controlled study, n = 201	Inpatient neurological rehabilitation unit.	To explore an increased participation goal setting method.	Increased participation goal setting.	Provision of a goal setting workbook with patient participation facilitated by a key worker.	Not reported	Patients use of a goal setting workbook led to increased therapy precision and greater patient satisfaction.
Jones <i>et al</i> ³⁹ (2021) United Kingdom	Mixed-methods case comparison, n = 156	Four separate inpatient acute stroke units.	To evaluate co-designed improvements to increase therapeutic patient activity in stroke units.	Experience-based co-design improvement cycles.	Incorporated patient, family, and staff experiences to design and deliver quality improvements.	Barriers: staff shortages, increased severity of disability of patients.	The co-design process was perceived by users to improve social interaction between patients, families, and staff.

Table 2 Continued

Author (year), country	Study design, participants (n)	Setting	Aim of study	Co-designed rehabilitation intervention	Co-design strategy	Barriers and facilitators to co design implementation	Patient experiences
Last <i>et al</i> ⁴⁰ (2021) Canada	Qualitative, n = 11	Three inpatient rehabilitation programs.	To explore patient perspectives of the facilitators and barriers to engaging in stroke rehabilitation in hospital.	Personalised rehabilitation.	Therapy activities were designed and refined to include activities which were meaningful to patients and in line with their goals.	Barriers: limited resources, low ratio of therapists to patients, negative attitude towards rehabilitation.	Patients perceived that therapy was enhanced by personalised rehabilitation. Therapy seemed to be most meaningful when it was designed to meet the goals of the patients.
Pomey <i>et al</i> ⁴¹ (2018) Canada	Qualitative, n = 8	Specialist acute and rehabilitation centre for amputation management	To increase rehabilitation adherence rates with patient advisors in a peer support program.	Patient advisor program.	Four focus groups were undertaken to develop approaches to improving patient adherence to rehabilitation.	Not reported	Patients who received support from patient advisors reported feeling less isolated, increased hopefulness and morale, and a reduction in pain perception and disability.
Scheel-Sailer <i>et al</i> ⁴² (2017) Switzerland	Qualitative n = 22	Single inpatient rehabilitation centre.	Explore patients' perception of their participation in decision-making after spinal cord injury.	Personalised rehabilitation.	Patients had the ability to choose additional treatments.	Barriers: time pressure. Facilitators: a supportive therapeutic team	Patients experienced a sense of empowerment and increased capability when they were able exercise their decision-making ability to choose additional therapies to tailor their rehabilitation.
Strubbia <i>et al</i> ⁴³ (2021) New Zealand	Qualitative n = 16	Three inpatient rehabilitation services.	To detail the experiences of health workers and patients using a goal setting application aid.	Collaborative goal setting.	A tablet application decision-making tool.	Barriers: time constraints, accessibility of tablet.	Use of the tool facilitated meaningful collaborative goal setting. Patients developed a broader understanding of rehabilitation and reported increased hope of recovery.

236 **Co-design strategies**

237 Three studies used collaborative goal setting to develop co-designed goals (Table 2).^{37, 38, 43}
238 In two studies, the patients were able to co-design their own rehabilitation program.^{40, 42} The
239 Partnership Co-design Lab method was in Pomey *et al*⁴¹ to introduce patient advisors at
240 patient bed sides.⁴¹ Evidenced-based co-design and accelerated evidenced-based co-design
241 was implemented in one study to address inactivity in stroke units.³⁹

243 **Barriers and facilitators to co-design**

244 Authors of the included studies identified two primary barriers to the co-design of
245 rehabilitation interventions in hospitals. Firstly, co-design was often impeded by staff
246 shortages (Table 2).^{37, 39, 40} Staff shortages were reported by patients as being a key limitation
247 to receiving a high quantity of therapy, in addition to increased waiting times for treatment.^{37,}
248 ^{39, 40} Patients perceived these limitations as having a negative impact on their rehabilitation
249 experiences.⁴⁰

251 Limited time dedicated to patient-therapist interactions was also seen by some patients as a
252 hurdle to the co-design process.^{37, 42, 43} These patients reported experiencing stress or
253 dissatisfaction due to having limited time to discuss their rehabilitation with doctors.⁴² A lack
254 of time with health professionals to discuss goals was perceived by patients as a negative
255 factor influencing the co-design process.³⁷ The use of a tablet application to facilitate
256 collaborative goal setting was perceived by health professionals as time consuming.⁴³

258 A key facilitator of co-design was a positive relationship between patients and others
259 involved in their rehabilitation such as peers, family, and health professionals.^{37, 42} Patients
260 mentioned that peers who had similar conditions to their own helped to support and provide

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5 262 relationships were perceived as helpful in achieving rehabilitation goals.³⁷
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10 264 **Patient experiences**

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14 266 The primary theme that emerged from the included studies was the paradigm of tailor-made
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18 268 increased patient involvement, empowerment and autonomy (Table 2).^{37-40, 42} This concept
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20 269 was first described by patients in a study by Holliday *et al*³⁷ who felt that their increased
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22 270 involvement in goal setting enabled their goals to be specific to their needs. This increased
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24 271 their sense of ownership over their goals and resulted in a positive rehabilitation experience.³⁷
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26 272 There were similar findings in a second study by Holliday *et al*³⁸ which also investigated
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28 273 collaborative goal setting. Patients who were in the increased participation goal setting group
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30 274 had higher satisfaction with their rehabilitation.³⁸ Providing patients with a structure to design
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32 275 their own goals resulted in greater patient autonomy and goal relevance.³⁸ Rehabilitation that
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34 276 involved increased patient participation in goal setting was perceived as more targeted to the
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36 277 individual.³⁸ Jones *et al*³⁹ found that co-designed changes which aimed to address inactivity
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38 278 of stroke patients in rehabilitation hospitals were beneficial. Patients and their carers
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40 279 associated the co-design approach with several improvements.³⁹ Co-designed activity boxes
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42 280 were provided to patients to enable them to engage in extra therapy such as a cooking group.
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44 281 This helped to reduce inactivity of patients after stroke and resulted in a more positive
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46 282 experience.³⁹
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50 284 Patients in Last *et al*⁴⁰ reported that their therapy was enhanced when their treatment was
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3 286 meaningful, enjoyable, and motivating for patients.⁴⁰ This was best exemplified by a patient
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5 287 who had a goal of kayaking.⁴⁰ The patient's therapist incorporated kayaking, in a
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8 288 hydrotherapy pool, into the patient's rehabilitation program.⁴⁰ Patients in a study by Scheel-
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10 289 Sailer *et al*⁴², had the ability to design their rehabilitation program by choosing additional
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12 290 therapies. Patients felt a sense of empowerment and self-efficacy by exercising this decision-
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14 291 making ability.⁴² It was also emphasised by patients as an important method to make their
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16 292 rehabilitation programs more interactive and tailored.⁴²
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21 294 A secondary theme was that co-designed rehabilitation interventions provided inpatients with
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23 295 feelings of hope regarding their recovery. A co-designed tablet application for collaborative
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25 296 goal setting and decision-making described in Strubbia *et al*⁴³ assisted patients to have a more
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27 297 thorough understanding of their condition and treatment. This provided patients with hope for
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29 298 the future as they were educated on what to expect from rehabilitation.⁴³ Patients felt
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33 300 to participate in making meaningful decisions regarding their care.⁴³
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40 302 Pomey *et al*⁴¹ explored a co-designed patient advisor program to increase adherence to
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44 304 regarding treatment and ensuring that each patient received the necessary amount of care.⁴¹
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46 305 An evaluation of the interactions between patients and their advisors found that patients felt
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48 306 increased motivation and hopefulness regarding their rehabilitation.⁴¹ Some patients who had
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Table 3 GRADE-CERQual Summary of Qualitative Findings.³⁶

Summary of review finding	Studies contributing to the review finding	Confidence assessment	Explanation of CERQual assessment
Staff shortages were a barrier to the implementation of co-designed rehabilitation interventions in hospitals.	Holliday <i>et al</i> ³⁷ Jones <i>et al</i> ³⁹ Last <i>et al</i> ⁴⁰	Moderate	Minor methodological limitations, relevance, and coherence concerns. Moderate concerns about adequacy.
Time constraints were a barrier to the implementation of co-designed rehabilitation interventions in hospitals.	Holliday <i>et al</i> ³⁷ Scheel-Sailer <i>et al</i> ⁴² Strubbia <i>et al</i> ⁴³	Moderate	Minor methodological limitations, relevance, and coherence concerns. Moderate concerns about adequacy.
Co-designed hospital rehabilitation interventions were facilitated by a good quality relationship between patients and their therapist.	Holliday <i>et al</i> ³⁷ Scheel-Sailer <i>et al</i> ⁴²	Low	Minor methodological limitations, relevance, and coherence concerns. Serious concerns about adequacy.
Co-designed rehabilitation interventions were meaningful to patients and associated with increased patient involvement in therapy, increased autonomy in decision-making, and empowerment.	Holliday <i>et al</i> ³⁷ Holliday <i>et al</i> ³⁸ Jones <i>et al</i> ³⁹ Last <i>et al</i> ⁴⁰ Scheel-Sailer <i>et al</i> ⁴²	High	Minor methodological limitations, relevance, and coherence concerns. Minor concerns about adequacy.
Co-designed rehabilitation interventions improved inpatient experiences by providing patients with a better understanding of the rehabilitation process and increased feelings of hope for the future.	Pomey <i>et al</i> ⁴¹ Strubbia <i>et al</i> ⁴³	Low	Minor methodological limitations, relevance, and coherence concerns. Serious concerns about adequacy.

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3 317 **DISCUSSION**
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5 318 This rapid review showed positive patient experiences of co-designed rehabilitation
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7 319 interventions delivered in hospital settings.³⁷⁻⁴³ Co-designed rehabilitation interventions
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9 320 included goal setting books, personalised rehabilitation therapies, patient advisors, hospital
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13 322 applications.³⁷⁻⁴³ In agreement with Clarke *et al*⁷, the current review showed that the main
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15 323 barriers to co-design were related to staffing and time constraints.^{37, 39, 40, 42, 43} Positive
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17 324 relationships between patients and therapists were a facilitator.^{37, 39-43} As with Lim *et al*⁶
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19 325 patient experiences of co-designed rehabilitation interventions were reported to be positive.³⁷⁻
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21 326 ⁴³ Thematic analysis of included studies revealed that co-design facilitated the development
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23 327 of tailor-made treatment which increased patient involvement in their rehabilitation,
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25 328 autonomy over decision-making, and feelings of empowerment.^{37, 38, 40, 42} Tailor-made
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29 330 which facilitated improved patient experiences of their rehabilitation.^{37-40, 42} Co-designed
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31 331 rehabilitation interventions also fostered a feeling of hope among patients and improved their
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14 347 **CONCLUSION**

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17 348 Positive patient experiences occur with co-designed rehabilitation interventions in
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19 349 hospitals.³⁷⁻⁴³ Patients who are highly involved in their treatment report greater decision-
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21 350 making autonomy, positive experiences and better outcomes.^{37-40, 42, 44}
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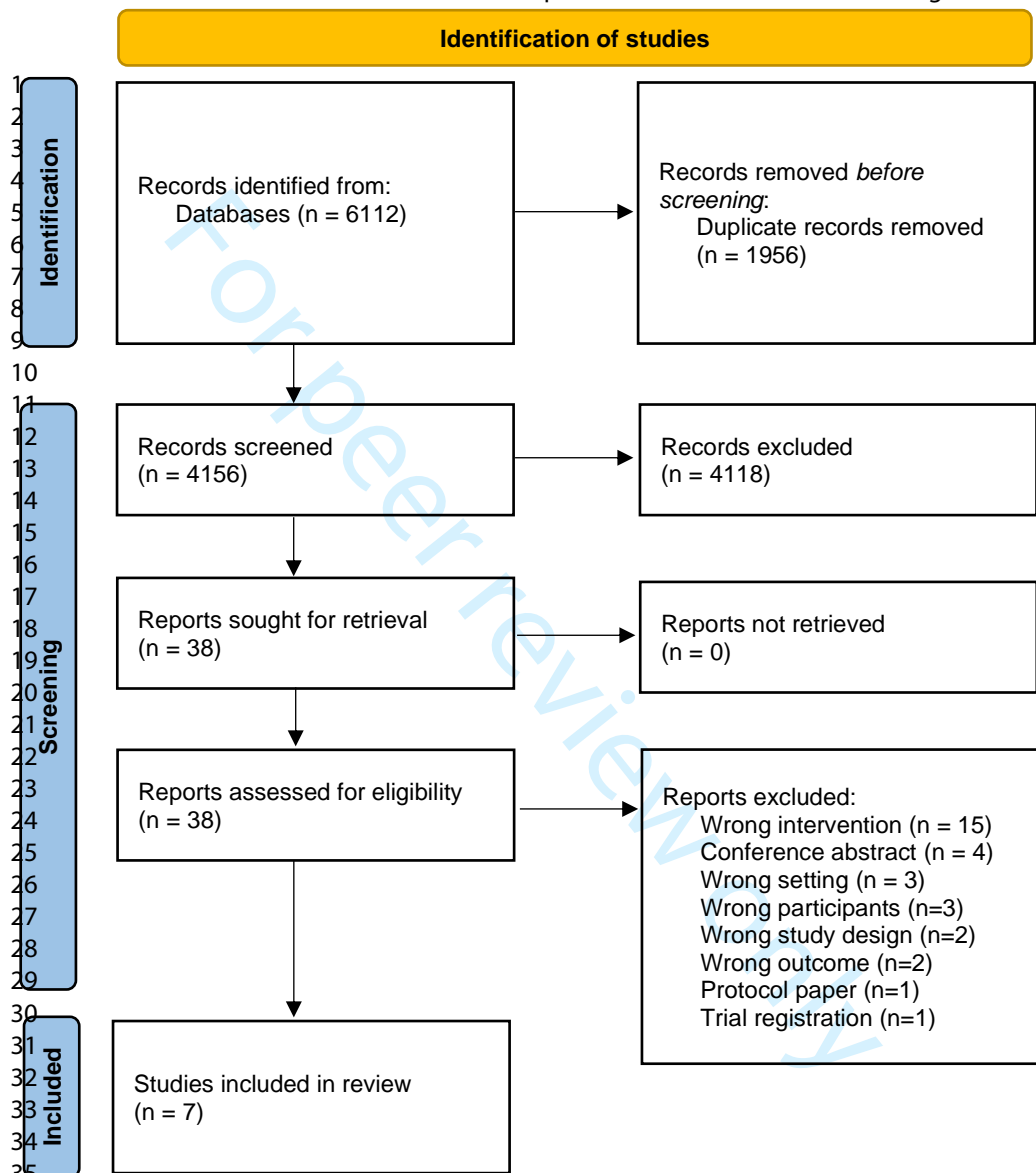
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3 33 **ABSTRACT**
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5 34 **Background:** Co-design strengthens partnerships between healthcare workers and patients. It
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7 also facilitates collaborations supporting the development, design, and delivery of healthcare
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9 services. Prior rehabilitation reviews have focused mainly on clinical and organisational
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11 outcomes of co-design with less focus on the lived experience of rehabilitation patients.
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15 38 **Objectives:** To explore patient experiences of co-designed hospital rehabilitation
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17 interventions.
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20 40 **Design:** Rapid review and evidence synthesis of the literature.
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22 41 **Data sources:** CINAHL, MEDLINE, Embase and Cochrane were searched from 1 January
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24 42 2000 to 25 April 2022.
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27 43 **Study selection:** Studies reporting patient experiences of co-designed rehabilitation
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29 44 interventions in hospitals.
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31 45 **Results:** 4156 studies were screened, and 38 full-text studies were assessed for eligibility.
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33 Seven studies were included in the final rapid review. Five out of the seven studies involved
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35 neurological rehabilitation. All eligible studies used qualitative research methods. The main
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37 barriers to co-design were related to staffing and dedicated time allocated to face-to-face
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39 patient-therapist interactions. High-quality relationships between patients and their therapists
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41 were a facilitator of co-design. Thematic synthesis revealed that co-designed rehabilitation
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43 interventions can enable a meaningful experience for patients and facilitate tailoring of
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45 treatments to align with individual needs. Personalised rehabilitation increases patient
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47 involvement in rehabilitation planning, delivery, and decision-making. It also promotes
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49 positive feelings of empowerment and hope.
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52 55 **Conclusion:** This rapid review supports the implementation of co-designed rehabilitation
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54 56 interventions to improve patient experiences in hospitals.
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68 INTRODUCTION

69 Ensuring positive experiences for patients is a cornerstone of person-centred care.^{1,2}
70 Healthcare providers, health professionals, and policy-makers seek consumer involvement
71 when designing safe and high value health services across the globe.² This is reflected in the
72 “Quadruple Aim”,³ a global framework for healthcare quality improvement, which
73 emphasises positive patient experiences as a central element of person-centred care.³ The
74 Beryl Institute describes patient experience as the “sum of all interactions shared by an
75 organisation’s culture that influence patient perceptions across the continuum of care.”^{4,5}
76 Measuring and fostering positive patient experiences extends beyond documenting patient
77 satisfaction, outcomes and perceptions.^{2,5} It also encompasses consumer engagement, co-
78 design and co-production of interventions, based on high quality interactions between
79 consumers and their healthcare team.² Positive patient experiences and consumer
80 involvement in care design and delivery are associated with improved safety and clinical
81 outcomes.^{2,6-8}
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83 “Co-design” aims to improve patient experiences by involving stakeholders such as patients,
84 carers, and families in the planning, design, and implementation of healthcare
85 improvements.^{1,2,7,9-11} Co-design also involves care providers and organisations to improve
86 patient experiences.⁹⁻¹¹ Healthcare improvements which are created in partnership with
87 patients who have experience of the problem being addressed are arguably more likely to
88 achieve positive outcomes.^{1,9-11} Hospital standards across the globe emphasise the
89 importance of three closely related concepts in healthcare delivery: co-design, patient
90 engagement, and shared decision-making.^{12,13} Patient engagement involves care-recipients in
91 the co-design of services^{8,14,15}. It also relates to the connections that patients have with health
92 professionals,¹⁶ and the degree to which patients participate in the design and delivery of

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3 93 health initiatives.¹³ Shared decision-making promotes patient involvement in clinical
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5 94 decision-making in partnership with health professionals.¹⁷ Shared decision-making can be
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8 95 used in the development, design and implementation of healthcare interventions by creating
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10 96 tailored treatment programs and patient-centred goals according to patients' preferences.¹⁸
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14 98 Rehabilitation aims to enable people to optimise their mobility, capability, autonomy,
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16 99 function, and quality of life.¹⁹ Rehabilitation also aims to provide hospital patients with the
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18 100 skills and tools to discharge home safely and independently.²⁰ An emerging area of co-design
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20 101 and rehabilitation research is mHealth which is the use of mobile technology in healthcare
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22 102 delivery.^{21, 22} mHealth interventions can include "empathic avatars" which are digital
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24 103 animations of human users which incorporate interactive scenarios based on patient
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26 104 experiences.^{23, 24} They are argued to facilitate behavioural change by providing health
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28 105 information in an engaging way.²⁴ Empathic avatars designed to reflect the culture of the
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30 106 user's environment are perceived positively by patients.²⁵ A systematic review on co-
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32 107 designed mHealth systems by Noorbergen *et al*²¹ mapped co-design methods to four stages:
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34 108 "pre-design, generative, evaluative, and post-design."²¹ They showed benefits for patients at
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36 109 each of these stages.²¹ Although the literature noted the importance of the post-design stage,
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38 110 it was not included in the vast majority of studies.²¹ Given this gap, the current review mainly
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40 111 focuses on the post-design stage of rehabilitation co-design, which relates to how patients
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42 112 report their experiences of inpatient rehabilitation after implementation has occurred.^{21, 26}
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46 114 Prior systematic reviews have evaluated co-design in relation to services and clinical
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48 115 outcomes in hospitals;⁷ the organisational and patient outcomes of co-designed hospital
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125 **METHODS AND ANALYSIS**

126 The protocol for this rapid review has been published online in BMJ Open and registered on
127 the international prospective register of systematic reviews (PROSPERO
128 CRD42021264547).^{29, 30} The rapid review has been completed in accordance with the
129 Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) as there is
130 no peer-reviewed reporting guideline for rapid reviews.^{31, 32}

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132 A rapid review was performed to satisfy stakeholder requests for timely evidence on this
133 emerging research area. A rapid review uses streamlined methodology to provide an
134 accelerated version of a traditional systematic review.³³ The Cochrane Rapid Reviews
135 Method Group provided provisional recommendations and guidance on the methods of rapid
136 reviews which has been implemented in the searching of the literature for this paper.³³ Their
137 recommendations include the use of date restrictions during database searching, limiting
138 databases searched, and a limit on grey and supplemental searching.³³ These abbreviated
139 search methods have been shown to expediate the review process without reducing
140 methodological rigour when compared to systematic reviews.³⁴

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142 **Patient and public involvement**

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8 145 several ways including the conception, development, and refinement of the research question;
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10 146 providing advice on the thematic analysis and data synthesis; and editing and revising the
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149 **Eligibility criteria**

19 150 Studies were included if they were manuscripts with any empirical study design published in
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28 154 intervention; reported on patient experiences. Studies were excluded if they involved mental
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33 156 or an outpatient setting; were protocols, abstracts of any type, book chapters, editorials, or
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35 157 doctoral theses; included only participants that required a medical decision-maker to
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160 **Identification and selection of included papers**

161 161 The search strategy was devised with a health services librarian. Search terms were
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163 162 developed from key concepts including patient experiences, co-design, rehabilitation
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167 164 Embase and CINAHL were searched from 1 January 2000 to 25 April 2022. The search
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167 167 The search references were downloaded and combined in EndNote 20.³⁵ They were then

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3 168 imported into Covidence, a systematic review program.³⁶ After removal of duplicate studies
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5 169 in Covidence, two reviewers (JPM, SCS/CT) independently screened the titles and abstracts
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17 174 Studies with any empirical design were eligible for inclusion. Although we made provisions
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22 176 qualitative studies. Therefore these were appraised with the JBI Critical Appraisal Checklist
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24 177 for Qualitative Research.^{37,38} This has a 10 question checklist which are accompanied by
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27 178 detailed explanatory notes which assist reviewers to assess the methodological bias of the
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29 179 included studies in a systematic review.^{37,38} Two critical appraisers (JPM, CT) assessed
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31 180 independently the methodological bias of each included study in accordance with the JBI
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33 181 checklist.³⁶⁻³⁸ Any differences in the appraisals between the two authors were resolved
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40 184 **Data extraction and management**

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44 186 from the included studies.³⁶ Characteristics extracted included aim of study, healthcare
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49 188 if applicable, co-designed intervention characteristics and description, co-design strategy
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51 189 used, patient experiences, themes, and facilitators or barriers to co-design.³⁶ This process was
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194 **Data analysis/synthesis**

195 Data from the included studies were analysed and synthesised according to qualitative
196 methods described by Thomas and Harden.³⁹ This approach involved three main stages and
197 has the support of the Cochrane Qualitative and Implementation Methods Group.⁴⁰ Firstly,
198 thematic findings from each included study were extracted in Covidence.³⁶ Secondly, these
199 themes were then grouped according to their similarities to develop overarching descriptive
200 themes to encapsulate common insights.³⁹ Thirdly, the descriptive themes were analysed to
201 form new analytical themes to answer the questions posed by this rapid review.³⁹

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203 **Confidence in cumulative evidence**

204 The Confidence in Evidence from Reviews of Qualitative Research (GRADE-CERQual) was
205 used to make an assessment of the overall findings of this rapid review.⁴¹ The GRADE-
206 CERQual includes four components: adequacy of data, coherence, relevance, and
207 methodological limitations.⁴¹ The four components are used to assess the confidence in the
208 evidence as very low or low, moderate or high. These levels describe the degree to which a
209 review finding accurately represents the topic under review.⁴¹ A GRADE-CERQual
210 Summary of Findings table with an assessment of each review finding was completed by one
211 author (JPM) and confirmed by a second reviewer (CT).⁴¹

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213 **RESULTS**

214 **Included studies**

215 A total of 6112 studies were imported for screening. 4156 titles and abstracts were screened
216 after 1956 duplicate papers were removed. The full text of 38 studies were screened for
217 eligibility. In total seven studies were included in this rapid review. A PRIMSA flow diagram

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7 220 **Quality appraisal**

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12 222 Critical Appraisal Checklist for Qualitative Research.^{37, 38} All studies demonstrated congruity
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14 223 between their research methodology and purported philosophical perspective.⁴²⁻⁴⁸ All studies
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16 224 had congruity between their research question, data collection and analysis, research methods
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18 225 and interpretation of results.⁴²⁻⁴⁸ Two studies addressed the relationship between the study
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20 226 participants and the researcher.^{45, 47} One study included a statement on the theoretical
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22 227 perspectives and cultural orientation of the research team.⁴⁸ All studies were conducted
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24 228 ethically, had adequate representation of the voices of their participants, and had conclusions
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26 229 that were logically drawn.⁴²⁻⁴⁸ See Table 1 for the quality appraisal summary.
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35 232 The number of co-design participants ranged from 11 to 201 patients (Table 2). Studies were
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37 233 conducted in inpatient rehabilitation hospitals in high-income countries including three
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39 234 studies published in the UK. Five out of the seven studies focused on neurological
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41 235 rehabilitation. Five out of seven were published within the last five years.
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46 237 **Types of co-designed rehabilitation interventions**

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49 238 Collaborative goal setting was employed as the co-design intervention in three studies.^{42, 43, 48}
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51 239 Two involved a goal setting workbook,^{42, 43} while one used an interactive goal setting
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53 240 application (Table 2).⁴⁸ Two studies involved personalised neurological rehabilitation.^{45, 47}
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55 241 One study involved the development of care partnerships using patient advisors.⁴⁶ One study
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57 242 implemented improvements and increased supervision in stroke units.⁴⁴
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Table 1 Methodological quality assessment for included studies using the JBI Critical Appraisal Checklist for Qualitative Research^{37, 38}

Study	Congruity between research methodology and purported philosophical perspective.	Congruity between the research question or aims and the research methodology.	Congruity between the data collection methods and the research methodology.	Congruity between the analysis of the data and the research methodology.	Congruity between the interpretation of results and the research methodology.	Locates the researcher theoretically and culturally.	Influence of the researcher on the researcher and vice-versa.	Participants voices were represented adequately.	Evidence of ethical approval.	Conclusions made are based on the data.
Holliday <i>et al</i> ⁴²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Holliday <i>et al</i> ⁴³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jones <i>et al</i> ⁴⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Last <i>et al</i> ⁴⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pomey <i>et al</i> ⁴⁶	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scheel-Sailer <i>et al</i> ⁴⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Strubbia <i>et al</i> ⁴⁸	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Table 2 Patient experiences of co-designed rehabilitation interventions.

Author (year), country	Study design, participants (n)	Setting	Aim of study	Co-designed rehabilitation intervention	Co-design strategy	Barriers and facilitators to co-design implementation	Patient experiences
Holliday <i>et al</i> ⁴² (2007) United Kingdom	Qualitative, n = 28	Inpatient neurological rehabilitation unit.	To investigate patients' perceptions of two goal setting methods that differ in the amount of patient involvement.	An increased participation goal setting approach.	Provision of a goal setting workbook and use of a key worker role to increase patient contact time with staff.	Barriers: staff shortages and time constraints. Facilitators: positive relationship between key worker and patients.	Patients felt that the goals were specific and individualised when they were involved in goal setting.
Holliday <i>et al</i> ⁴³ (2007) United Kingdom	Non-randomised controlled study, n = 201	Inpatient neurological rehabilitation unit.	To explore an increased participation goal setting method.	Increased participation goal setting.	Provision of a goal setting workbook with patient participation facilitated by a key worker.	Not reported	Patients use of a goal setting workbook led to increased therapy precision and greater patient satisfaction.
Jones <i>et al</i> ⁴⁴ (2021) United Kingdom	Mixed-methods case comparison, n = 156	Four separate inpatient acute stroke units.	To evaluate co-designed improvements to increase therapeutic patient activity in stroke units.	Experience-based co-design improvement cycles.	Incorporated patient, family, and staff experiences to design and deliver quality improvements.	Barriers: staff shortages, increased severity of disability of patients.	The co-design process was perceived by users to improve social interaction between patients, families, and staff.

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Author (year), country	Study design, participants (n)	Setting	Aim of study	Co-designed rehabilitation intervention	Co-design strategy	Barriers and facilitators to co design implementation	Patient experiences
Last <i>et al</i> ⁴⁵ (2021) Canada	Qualitative, n = 11	Three inpatient rehabilitation programs.	To explore patient perspectives of the facilitators and barriers to engaging in stroke rehabilitation in hospital.	Personalised rehabilitation.	Therapy activities were designed and refined to include activities which were meaningful to patients and in line with their goals.	Barriers: limited resources, low ratio of therapists to patients, negative attitude towards rehabilitation.	Patients perceived that therapy was enhanced by personalised rehabilitation. Therapy seemed to be most meaningful when it was designed to meet the goals of the patients.
Pomey <i>et al</i> ⁴⁶ (2018) Canada	Qualitative, n = 8	Specialist acute and rehabilitation centre for amputation management	To increase rehabilitation adherence rates with patient advisors in a peer support program.	Patient advisor program.	Four focus groups were undertaken to develop approaches to improving patient adherence to rehabilitation.	Not reported	Patients who received support from patient advisors reported feeling less isolated, increased hopefulness and morale, and a reduction in pain perception and disability.
Scheel-Sailer <i>et al</i> ⁴⁷ (2017) Switzerland	Qualitative n = 22	Single inpatient rehabilitation centre.	Explore patients' perception of their participation in decision-making after spinal cord injury.	Personalised rehabilitation.	Patients had the ability to choose additional treatments.	Barriers: time pressure. Facilitators: a supportive therapeutic team	Patients experienced a sense of empowerment and increased capability when they were able exercise their decision-making ability to choose additional therapies to tailor their rehabilitation.
Strubbia <i>et al</i> ⁴⁸ (2021) New Zealand	Qualitative n = 16	Three inpatient rehabilitation services.	To detail the experiences of health workers and patients using a goal setting application aid.	Collaborative goal setting.	A tablet application decision-making tool.	Barriers: time constraints, accessibility of tablet.	Use of the tool facilitated meaningful collaborative goal setting. Patients developed a broader understanding of rehabilitation and reported increased hope of recovery.

243 **Co-design strategies**

244 Three studies used collaborative goal setting to develop co-designed goals (Table 2).^{42, 43, 48}
245 In two studies, the patients were able to co-design their own rehabilitation program.^{45, 47} The
246 Partnership Co-design Lab method was used in Pomey *et al*⁴⁶ to introduce patient advisors at
247 patient bed sides.⁴⁶ Evidenced-based co-design and accelerated evidenced-based co-design
248 was implemented in one study to address inactivity in stroke units.⁴⁴

250 **Barriers and facilitators to co-design**

251 Authors of the included studies identified two primary barriers to the co-design of
252 rehabilitation interventions in hospitals. Firstly, co-design was often impeded by staff
253 shortages (Table 2).^{42, 44, 45} Staff shortages were reported by patients as being a key limitation
254 to receiving a high quantity of therapy, in addition to increased waiting times for treatment.^{42,}
255 ^{44, 45} Patients perceived these limitations as having a negative impact on their rehabilitation
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258 Limited time dedicated to patient-therapist interactions was also seen by some patients as a
259 hurdle to the co-design process.^{42, 47, 48} These patients reported experiencing stress or
260 dissatisfaction due to having limited time to discuss their rehabilitation with doctors.⁴⁷ A lack
261 of time with health professionals to discuss goals was perceived by patients as a negative
262 factor influencing the co-design process.⁴² The use of a tablet application to facilitate
263 collaborative goal setting was perceived by health professionals as time consuming.⁴⁸

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265 A key facilitator of co-design was a positive relationship between patients and others
266 involved in their rehabilitation such as peers, family, and health professionals.^{42, 47} Patients
267 mentioned that peers who had similar conditions to their own helped to support and provide

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18 275 increased patient involvement, empowerment and autonomy (Table 2).^{42-45, 47} This concept
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20 276 was described by patients in a study by Holliday *et al*⁴² who felt that their increased
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22 277 involvement in goal setting enabled their goals to be specific to their needs. This increased
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26 279 There were similar findings in a second study by Holliday *et al*⁴³ which also investigated
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28 280 collaborative goal setting. Patients who were in the increased participation goal setting group
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32 282 their own goals resulted in greater patient autonomy and goal relevance.⁴³ Rehabilitation that
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25 303 collaborative goal setting and decision-making described in Strubbia *et al*⁴⁸ assisted patients
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Table 3 GRADE-CERQual Summary of Qualitative Findings.⁴¹

Summary of review finding	Studies contributing to the review finding	Confidence assessment	Explanation of CERQual assessment
Staff shortages were a barrier to the implementation of co-designed rehabilitation interventions in hospitals.	Holliday <i>et al</i> ⁴² Jones <i>et al</i> ⁴⁴ Last <i>et al</i> ⁴⁵	Moderate	Minor methodological limitations, relevance, and coherence concerns. Moderate concerns about adequacy.
Time constraints were a barrier to the implementation of co-designed rehabilitation interventions in hospitals.	Holliday <i>et al</i> ⁴² Scheel-Sailer <i>et al</i> ⁴⁷ Strubbia <i>et al</i> ⁴⁸	Moderate	Minor methodological limitations, relevance, and coherence concerns. Moderate concerns about adequacy.
Co-designed hospital rehabilitation interventions were facilitated by a good quality relationship between patients and their therapist.	Holliday <i>et al</i> ⁴² Scheel-Sailer <i>et al</i> ⁴⁷	Low	Minor methodological limitations, relevance, and coherence concerns. Serious concerns about adequacy.
Co-designed rehabilitation interventions were meaningful to patients and associated with increased patient involvement in therapy, increased autonomy in decision-making, and empowerment.	Holliday <i>et al</i> ⁴² Holliday <i>et al</i> ⁴³ Jones <i>et al</i> ⁴⁴ Last <i>et al</i> ⁴⁵ Scheel-Sailer <i>et al</i> ⁴⁷	High	Minor methodological limitations, relevance, and coherence concerns. Minor concerns about adequacy.
Co-designed rehabilitation interventions improved inpatient experiences by providing patients with a better understanding of the rehabilitation process and increased feelings of hope for the future.	Pomey <i>et al</i> ⁴⁶ Strubbia <i>et al</i> ⁴⁸	Low	Minor methodological limitations, relevance, and coherence concerns. Serious concerns about adequacy.

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5 327 This rapid review showed positive patient experiences of co-designed rehabilitation
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11 330 environmental and organisational changes, and technological collaborative goal setting
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13 331 applications.⁴²⁻⁴⁸ In agreement with Clarke *et al*⁷, the current review showed that the main
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15 332 barriers to co-design were related to staffing and time constraints.^{42, 44, 45, 47, 48} Positive
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17 333 relationships between patients and therapists were a facilitator.^{42, 44-48} As with Lim *et al*⁶
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29 339 improved patient experiences of their rehabilitation.^{42-45, 47} Co-designed rehabilitation
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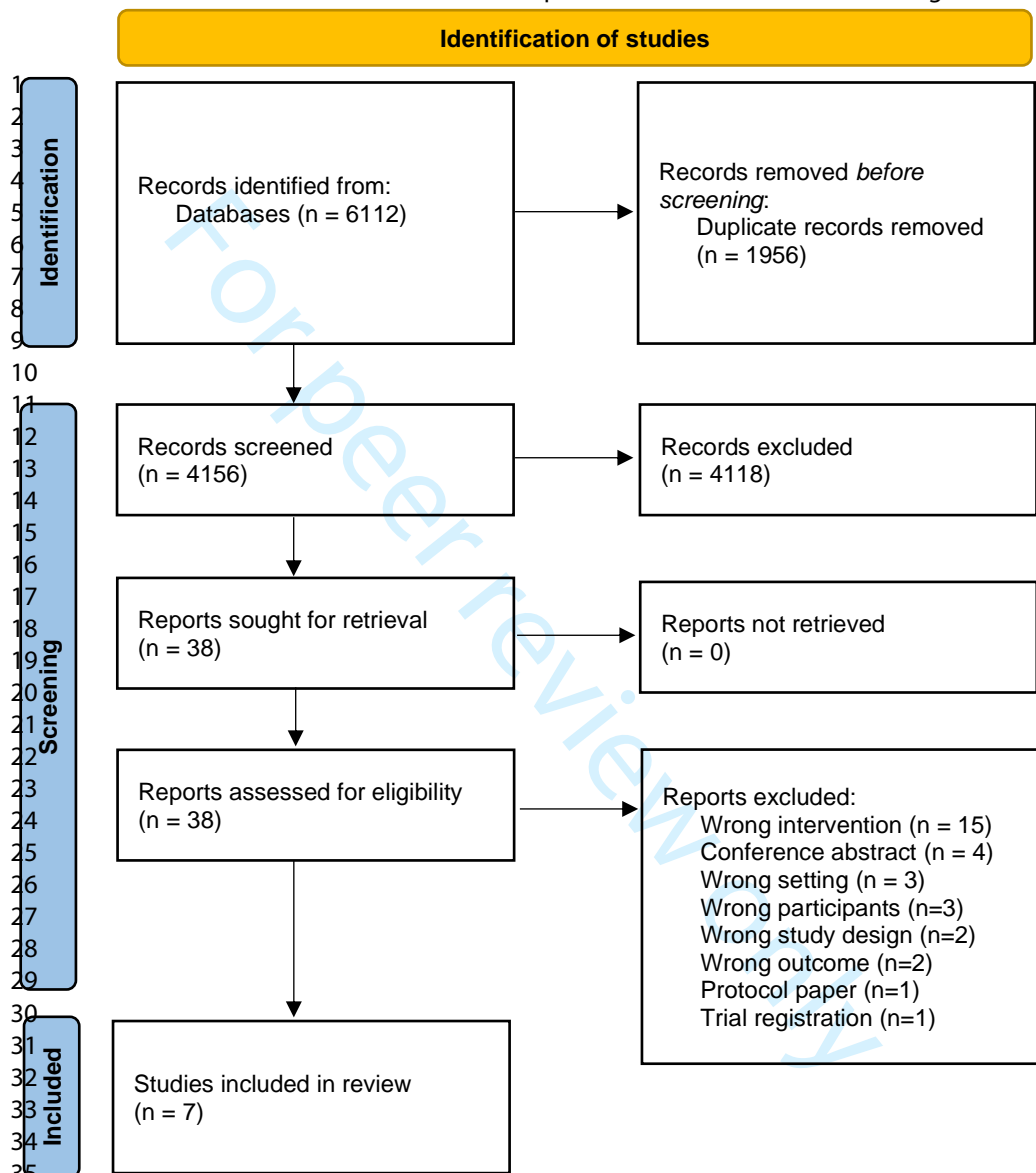
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15	patient input*.mp.		462
16	Stakeholder Participation/		1984
17	stakeholder participation.mp.		2338
18	consumer engagement.mp.		288
19	consumer involvement.mp.		379
20	consumer participation.mp.		425
21	consumer input.mp.		105
22	or/10-21		38941
23	design*.mp.		2422612
24	22 and 23		8582
25	9 or 24		29953
26	exp Hospitals/		302695
27	hospital*.tw.		1475698
28	Critical Care/		58045

29	Inpatients/		26925
30	inpatient*.mp.		137513
31	Hospitalization/		127177
32	hospitali?ation.mp.		253648
33	exp Hospital Units/		127990
34	ward*.tw,kw.		68060
35	((acute or subacute or sub-acute) adj3 (clinic* or care or department* or unit* or centre* or center*)).mp.		63844
36	Subacute Care/		1336
37	or/26-36		1830315
38	(patient* adj2 (experience* or perception* or belief* or believe* or participat*)).mp.		182607
39	(consumer* adj2 (experience* or perception* or belief* or believe* or participat*)).mp.		2981
40	lived experience*.mp.		8999
41	38 or 39 or 40		193363
42	25 and 37 and 41		1978
43	limit 42 to (english language and yr="2000 -Current")		1778

NOTE: [mp=title, abstract, original title, name of substance word, subject heading word, floating sub-heading word, keyword heading word, organism supplementary concept word, protocol supplementary concept word, rare disease supplementary concept word, unique identifier, synonyms]

Embase Search Strategy

Search Strategy:

Database(s): **Embase Classic+Embase** 1947 to 2022 April 25

Search Strategy:

Search ID#	Search Terms	Search Notes	Results
1	(co-design* or codesign*).mp.		2720
2	(co-produc* or coproduc*).mp.		7026
3	(codevise* or cocreate* or co-create* or co-invent* or cogenerate* or co-found*).mp.		1769
4	participatory design*.mp.		745
5	collaborative design*.mp.		209
6	("Experience based" adj2 design*).mp.		185
7	shared decision making/		10938
8	(share* adj2 "decision making").mp.		20421
9	or/1-8		32371
10	patient engagement.mp.		6190
11	patient involvement.mp.		4357
12	patient consultation.mp.		967
13	patient participation/		31867
14	patient participation.mp.		33793
15	patient input*.mp.		953
16	stakeholder engagement/		5180
17	stakeholder participation.mp.		472
18	consumer engagement.mp.		411
19	consumer involvement.mp.		539
20	consumer participation.mp.		685
21	consumer input.mp.		166
22	or/10-21		48923
23	design*.mp.		2778148
24	22 and 23		10219
25	9 or 24		41503
26	exp hospital/		1381691
27	hospital*.tw.		2350119
28	intensive care/		137710

29	hospital patient/		209253
30	inpatient*.mp.		216494
31	hospitalization/		464833
32	hospitali?ation.mp.		574517
33	exp "hospital subdivisions and components"/		682544
34	ward*.tw,kw.		110340
35	((acute or subacute or sub-acute) adj3 (clinic* or care or department* or unit* or centre* or center*)).mp.		95956
36	subacute care/		1422
37	or/26-36		3291835
38	(patient* adj2 (experience* or perception* or belief* or believe* or participat*)).mp.		285537
39	(consumer* adj2 (experience* or perception* or belief* or believe* or participat*)).mp.		3521
40	lived experience*.mp.		10626
41	38 or 39 or 40		298099
42	25 and 37 and 41		2643
43	limit 42 to (english language and yr="2000 -Current")		2531

Note: [mp=title, abstract, heading word, drug trade name, original title, device manufacturer, drug manufacturer, device trade name, keyword heading word, floating subheading word, candidate term word]

Cinahl Search Strategy

Search Strategy:

Search ID#	Search Terms	Search Notes	Results
S1	co-design* or codesign*		1,241
S2	co-product* or coproduc*		1,263
S3	codevise* or cocreate* or co-create* or co-invent* or cogenerate* or co-found*		1,161
S4	"participatory design*"		385
S5	"collaborative design*"		89
S6	"Experience based" N2 design*		85
S7	(MH "Decision Making, Shared")		2,628
S8	share* N2 "decision making"		8,215
S9	S1 OR S2 OR S3 OR S4 OR S5 OR S6 OR S7 OR S8		12,154
S10	"patient engagement"		2,418
S11	"patient involvement"		1,755
S12	"patient consultation"		252
S13	"patient participation"		1,646
S14	"patient input*"		225
S15	(MH "Stakeholder Participation")		1,869
S16	"stakeholder participation"		1,965
S17	"consumer engagement"		237
S18	"consumer involvement"		234
S19	(MH "Consumer Participation")		22,668
S20	"consumer participation"		22,753
S21	"consumer input"		77
S22	S10 OR S11 OR S12 OR S13 OR S14 OR S15 OR S16 OR S17 OR S18 OR S19 OR S20 OR S21		28,799
S23	design*		936,925
S24	S22 AND S23		5,934
S25	S9 OR S24		17,423

S26	(MH "Hospitals+")		126,715
S27	TI hospital* OR AB hospital*		521,273
S28	(MH "Critical Care")		24,924
S29	(MH "Inpatients")		85,178
S30	inpatient*		127,159
S31	(MH "Hospitalization")		42,891
S32	hospitalization or hospitalisation		94,651
S33	(MH "Hospital Units+")		104,753
S34	TI ward* OR AB ward*		31,011
S35	(acute or subacute or sub-acute) N3 (clinic* or care or department* or unit* or centre* or center*)		43,192
S36	(MH "Subacute Care")		1,883
S37	S26 OR S27 OR S28 OR S29 OR S30 OR S31 OR S32 OR S33 OR S34 OR S35 OR S36		753,566
S38	patient* N2 (experience* or perception* or belief* or believe* or participat*)		78,810
S39	consumer* N2 (experience* or perception* or belief* or believe* or participat*)		24,221
S40	"lived experience"		5,807
S41	S38 OR S39 OR S40		105,861
S42	S25 AND S37 AND S41		1,327
S43	S25 AND S37 AND S41		1,310
S44	S25 AND S37 AND S41		1,257

Cochrane Search Strategy

Search strategy:

Search ID#	Search Terms	Search Notes	Results
#1	co-design* OR codesign*		270
#2	co-produc* or coproduc*		142
#3	codevise* or cocreate* or co-create* or co-invent* or cogenerate* or co-found*		145
#4	participatory NEXT design*		63
#5	collaborative NEXT design*		13
#6	Experience based NEAR/2 design		16
#7	MeSH descriptor: [Decision Making, Shared] this term only		70
#8	share* NEAR/2 "decision making"		1817
#9	{OR #1-#8}		2419
#10	patient engagement		675
#11	patient involvement		507
#12	patient consultation		151
#13	MeSH descriptor: [Patient Participation] this term only		1503
#14	patient participation		3233
#15	patient NEXT input*		61
#16	MeSH descriptor: [Stakeholder Participation] this term only		26
#17	stakeholder participation		38
#18	consumer engagement		33
#19	consumer involvement		75
#20	consumer participation		141
#21	consumer input		32
#22	{OR #10-#21}		4477
#23	design*		308726
#24	#22 AND #23		1868
#25	#9 OR #24		4065
#26	MeSH descriptor: [Hospitals] explode all trees		3939
#27	hospital*:ti,ab		181756
#28	MeSH descriptor: [Critical Care] this term only		1848
#29	MeSH descriptor: [Inpatients] this term only		1081
#30	inpatient*		21948
#31	MeSH descriptor: [Hospitalization] this term only		5724
#32	hospitalization OR hospitalisation		48006
#33	MeSH descriptor: [Hospital Units] explode all trees		4557
#34	ward*:ti,ab,kw		14811
#35	(acute or subacute or sub-acute) NEAR/3 (clinic* or care or department* or unit* or centre* or center*)		9124
#36	MeSH descriptor: [Subacute Care] this term only		22
#37	{OR #26-#36}		212809

#38	patient* NEAR/2 (experience* or perception* or belief* or believe* or participat*)		34618
#39	consumer* NEAR/2 (experience* or perception* or belief* or believe* or participat*)		305
#40	lived NEXT experience*		300
#41	{OR #38-#40}		35104
#42	#25 AND #37 AND #41		546

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TITLE			
Title	1	Identify the report as a systematic review.	Page 1, line 1
ABSTRACT			
Abstract	2	See the PRISMA 2020 for Abstracts checklist.	Page 2
INTRODUCTION			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of existing knowledge.	Page 5, lines 114-120
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of the objective(s) or question(s) the review addresses.	Page 5-6, lines 120-123
METHODS			
Eligibility criteria	5	Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the review and how studies were grouped for the syntheses.	Page 7, lines 149-158
Information sources	6	Specify all databases, registers, websites, organisations, reference lists and other sources searched or consulted to identify studies. Specify the date when each source was last searched or consulted.	Page 7, lines 163-164
Search strategy	7	Present the full search strategies for all databases, registers and websites, including any filters and limits used.	Supplementary file 1
Selection process	8	Specify the methods used to decide whether a study met the inclusion criteria of the review, including how many reviewers screened each record and each report retrieved, whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	Page 7-8, lines 167-171
Data collection process	9	Specify the methods used to collect data from reports, including how many reviewers collected data from each report, whether they worked independently, any processes for obtaining or confirming data from study investigators, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	Page 8, lines 184-192
Data items	10a	List and define all outcomes for which data were sought. Specify whether all results that were compatible with each outcome domain in each study were sought (e.g. for all measures, time points, analyses), and if not, the methods used to decide which results to collect.	Page 8, lines 186-189
	10b	List and define all other variables for which data were sought (e.g. participant and intervention characteristics, funding sources). Describe any assumptions made about any missing or unclear information.	Page 8, lines 186-189
Study risk of bias assessment	11	Specify the methods used to assess risk of bias in the included studies, including details of the tool(s) used, how many reviewers assessed each study and whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	Page 8, lines 173-182
Effect measures	12	Specify for each outcome the effect measure(s) (e.g. risk ratio, mean difference) used in the synthesis or presentation of results.	N/A
Synthesis methods	13a	Describe the processes used to decide which studies were eligible for each synthesis (e.g. tabulating the study intervention characteristics and comparing against the planned groups for each synthesis (item #5)).	Pages 9, lines 194-201
	13b	Describe any methods required to prepare the data for presentation or synthesis, such as handling of missing summary statistics, or data conversions.	Pages 9, lines 194-201
	13c	Describe any methods used to tabulate or visually display results of individual studies and syntheses.	N/A
	13d	Describe any methods used to synthesize results and provide a rationale for the choice(s). If meta-analysis was performed, describe the model(s), method(s) to identify the presence and extent of statistical heterogeneity, and software package(s) used.	Pages 9, lines 194-201
	13e	Describe any methods used to explore possible causes of heterogeneity among study results (e.g. subgroup analysis, meta-regression).	N/A
	13f	Describe any sensitivity analyses conducted to assess robustness of the synthesized results.	N/A



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Reporting bias assessment	14	Describe any methods used to assess risk of bias due to missing results in a synthesis (arising from reporting biases).	N/A
Certainty assessment	15	Describe any methods used to assess certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for an outcome.	Page 9, lines 203-211
RESULTS			
Study selection	16a	Describe the results of the search and selection process, from the number of records identified in the search to the number of studies included in the review, ideally using a flow diagram.	Page 9-10, lines 213-218
	16b	Cite studies that might appear to meet the inclusion criteria, but which were excluded, and explain why they were excluded.	Figure 1
Study characteristics	17	Cite each included study and present its characteristics.	Table 2
Risk of bias in studies	18	Present assessments of risk of bias for each included study.	Table 1
Results of individual studies	19	For all outcomes, present, for each study: (a) summary statistics for each group (where appropriate) and (b) an effect estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval), ideally using structured tables or plots.	N/A
Results of syntheses	20a	For each synthesis, briefly summarise the characteristics and risk of bias among contributing studies.	Table 1
	20b	Present results of all statistical syntheses conducted. If meta-analysis was done, present for each the summary estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval) and measures of statistical heterogeneity. If comparing groups, describe the direction of the effect.	N/A
	20c	Present results of all investigations of possible causes of heterogeneity among study results.	N/A
	20d	Present results of all sensitivity analyses conducted to assess the robustness of the synthesized results.	N/A
Reporting biases	21	Present assessments of risk of bias due to missing results (arising from reporting biases) for each synthesis assessed.	N/A
Certainty of evidence	22	Present assessments of certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for each outcome assessed.	Table 3
DISCUSSION			
Discussion	23a	Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence.	Page 19, lines 326-331
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	23c	Discuss any limitations of the review processes used.	Pages 19-20, lines 339-341
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OTHER INFORMATION			
Registration and protocol	24a	Provide registration information for the review, including register name and registration number, or state that the review was not registered.	N/A
	24b	Indicate where the review protocol can be accessed, or state that a protocol was not prepared.	Page 6, line 126
	24c	Describe and explain any amendments to information provided at registration or in the protocol.	N/A
Support	25	Describe sources of financial or non-financial support for the review, and the role of the funders or sponsors in the review.	Page 20, lines 363-365



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Competing interests	26	Declare any competing interests of review authors.	Page 21, lines 367-368
Availability of data, code and other materials	27	Report which of the following are publicly available and where they can be found: template data collection forms; data extracted from included studies; data used for all analyses; analytic code; any other materials used in the review.	N/A

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