### 6S Pyramid Resources: Identifying Characteristics

#### Systems
- Computerized decision support systems (CDSSs) - PDAs - point of care tool
- Brings together all of the patient data (age, gender, medical history, specific medical condition, etc.) and links it to the evidence so that a treatment recommendation can be made for a specific patient

#### Summaries
- Provide practice recommendations based on evidence from the lower levels of the pyramid
- Each recommendation is discussed and evidence is provided
- References and/or bibliography include a long list of sources consulted
- Includes numerous appendices
- Most familiar is RNAO Best Practice Guidelines

#### Synopses of Syntheses
- Provide abstracts/summaries (usually one page) of individual systematic reviews
- May include a commentary providing clinical relevance of the findings of the review
- Methods will include a list of databases or other sources that were searched to find relevant research studies
- Include a reference for the original study that is being summarized

#### Syntheses (Systematic Reviews)
- Research process involves using existing studies rather than conducting original research
- Methods will include a list of databases or other sources that were searched to find relevant research studies
- Selection criteria explain why studies were included or excluded
- Reference list is generally quite long
- Usually includes appendices
- Most familiar source is Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

#### Synopses of Single Studies
- Provide abstracts/summaries (usually one page) of individual single studies
- May include a commentary providing clinical relevance of the findings of the study
- Methods will include terms such as: RCT, case study, survey, cohort study, interview, etc.
- Include a reference for the original study that is being summarized

#### Single Studies
- Primary, original research studies
- Include introduction, methods, results, conclusions, etc.
- Methods will include terms such as: RCT, case study, survey, cohort study, interview, etc.
- Contain a list of references