

# Stillbirth risk assessment and management: subject reading

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This is a reading list to accompany the *SPSP MCQIC Maternity webinar: stillbirth risk assessment and management*. The citation and full-text links for these publications are listed below. They have been grouped as [guidance](#), [reports](#), [review articles](#), [other articles](#) and [webpages](#).

A search of key biomedical databases and evidence-based websites on the subject found a lot of potential publications for inclusion. This list is therefore not exhaustive but includes a variety of recent publications (review articles published since 2018 and other articles from this year only). The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists guideline from 2010 has been included as it is the current edition, although they are working on a second edition.

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