

# Feasibility Search

Before you begin the process of undergoing a meta-analysis or systematic review, it is important to assess the feasibility of the project. A feasibility search can save time and money, help with structuring the final research question and PICO elements, and can ensure that your review or meta-analysis will be a valuable contribution to the literature.

## Run a Search on PubMed or NK

Start by identifying the ideal research question and PICOs of interest. Generate a list of search terms related to this research question and perform a search in PubMed or NK. See Search Optimization for more information on optimizing search terms. Take note of the number of search results.

If there aren't many results:

## Identify Key Search Terms

## Assess Quality and Coverage of Search

## Get Study Metadata and Prepare for Screening

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