Best Practices for Conducting a Systematic Review

Selecting Databases for Your Search

Selecting several databases ensures that your search is comprehensive.

Creating Your Search Terms

The strongest search terms take into account the PICO format, boolean operators, MeSH terms, and properly enclosed phrases.

Best Practices for Screening

Tips and tricks on how to screen studies for inclusion or exclusion from your review.

Best Practices for Tagging

Recommendations on how to properly tag included studies.

Best Practices for Data Extraction

How to extract data of interest from included studies.

Risk of Bias

Conducting a Risk of Bias (ROB) ensures that the level of bias in each included study is addressed.

Once you've defined your research question, established your team, determined the feasibility of your review, and created your protocol, you are ready to conduct your review. Best practices for each step of the review are detailed on the pages listed above.

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