

Review Protocol: [INSERT TITLE]

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Team Information

Project Lead	
Research Team Members	
Date	
Institution(s)	

Background

Describe the population and condition or phenomenon of interest and contextualize it. In other words, describe what this review is about.

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Objective

Describe the justification for this review. In other words, describe why this review/the information it collects is important.

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Review Question

Full Review Question

Provide the full review question in sentence format, and then break up the question according to the PICO framework (or other frameworks as appropriate).

Population	
Intervention	
Comparison	
Outcome	

Search Strategy

Databases

List the bibliographic databases to be searched.

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Hand Searching

List journals or websites that will be hand searched for relevant articles.

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Experts or Stakeholders <i>If experts or key stakeholders are being contacted for additional grey literature or research, list them and how they will be contacted.</i>
Reference Searches <i>If forward or backward citations will be performed (also known as chain or snowball searching), detail them here.</i>

Eligibility Criteria

Operationalize your PICO (or other framework) concepts by explicitly stating what would and would not meet inclusion. Wherever possible, provide definitions, ICD codes or other identifiers to be as clear as possible.

PICO	Inclusion Criteria	Exclusion Criteria
Population	•	•
Intervention	•	•
Comparison	•	•
Outcomes	•	•



Data Extraction

Provide a description of methods used to collect data from included studies (e.g. categories of data you intend to collect, how many people will conduct extraction, how disagreements will be resolved, etc).

Study Quality Assessment

If applicable, describe the tool(s) you will use to assess risk of bias.

Data Synthesis

Describe how you will analyze and summarize the included study results.

Project Timetable

Fill out the following Gantt chart according to your estimated project timelines.

	Mont h	Mont h	Mont h	Mont h	Mont h	Mont h	Mont h	Mont h	Mont h	Mont h	Mont h	Mont h
Preparation												
Conduct searches												
Pilot test eligibility criteria												
Ti/Ab + Full Text Selection												
Pilot test data collection												
Data collection												
Pilot risk of bias assessments												



Conduct assessments												
Conduct synthesis & interpret results												
Write manuscript												

Research Team Member Roles

Describe the different tasks on the review and who will be responsible for what.

Task	Description	Team Member Responsible

References

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