**Review Protocol Template**

# Project Information

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| **Review Title** |  |
| **Project Lead** |  |
| **Team Members** |  |
| **Date** |  |
| **Institution(s)** |  |

# Background

*Describe the population and problem or phenomenon of interest and contextualize it.*

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# Objective

*Describe the justification for this review and why it/the information it collects is important.*

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# Search Strategy

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| **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**  *If experts are being contacted for additional grey literature or research, list them.* |
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| **Reference Searches**  *If forward or backward citations will be performed, detail them here.* |
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# Eligibility Criteria

*Operationalize your PICO (or other framework) concepts by explicitly stating what would and would not meet inclusion.*

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| **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, etc.).*

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# Study Quality Assessment

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

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# Data Synthesis

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

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# Project Tools

*List the tools and software programs you plan to use in the course of the review.*

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# Project Timetable

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

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|  | **Week 1** | **Week 2** | **Week 2** | **Week 3** | **Week 4** | **Week 5** | **Week 6** | **Week 7** | **Week 8** | **Week 9** | **Week 10** |
| **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.*

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| **Task** | **Description** | **Team Member Responsible** |
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# References

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