Literature Search Form

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| Name and affiliation |  |
| Email; phone (optional) |  |
| Study title (preliminary) |  |
| Research question |  |
| Purpose of the literature search | [What's the search for? *E.g. basis for a grant proposal/clinical study, systematic review, scoping review, background section of master thesis, …*] |
| For students: Name of supervisor |  |

I need someone to develop the complete search strategy (usually comprising a peer-reviewed strategy for pertinent databases)\*

I have a draft search strategy and need advice from an information specialist

I have the complete search strategy and need an information specialist to review it (according to [PRESS guideline](https://www.cadth.ca/resources/finding-evidence/press); requires the acknowledgement of the information specialist’s name and affiliation in the acknowledgments)

Other:

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| **Details on your eligibility criteria**  *If the PICOS scheme does not suit your research question, feel free to use any other scheme or just state your eligibility criteria.* | | |
| **PICOS** | **Include** | **Exclude** |
| Population | [*Describe the population of interest in detail – who, what condition/disease, country? Are there relevant subgroups? What are synonyms?*] | [Specific exclusions? H*ow do you deal with mixed populations?*] |
| Intervention | [*Describe the intervention in detail – what is being tested? How is it defined? What are synonyms?*] | [*Are concurrent medications/treatments allowed?*] |
| Control | [*Describe the comparison in detail– what is the intervention being tested against? How is it defined? What are synonyms?*] |  |
| Outcomes | [*Describe all outcomes in detail – what do you want to find out? How is it measured? When is it measured? What are synonyms?*] | [*If the outcome is reported for several time points, will you exclude any? Will you include dichotomous and continuous outcomes?*] |
| Study design | [*E.g. RCTs, observational studies, any, …*] | [*What about quasi-randomized trials, registries, before-after studies, letters, conference abstracts, editorials?*] |
| Other | [*language, publication date, …*] |  |

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| **Seed papers** |

*If you are already aware of any relevant papers that the search must retrieve, list them here and include PubMed IDs (this will help us fine-tune the search and ensure best retrieval rates)*.

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| **Your search strategy** |

*If you already have a search strategy, please paste it here or attach it in a separate file*.