**Systematic Review Search Protocol**

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**Introduction (*Describe the background to your study)***

**Objectives**

The objective of this review is to conduct an up-to-date systematic review of

**Methods**

**Criteria for considering studies for this review**

**Types of studies**

To be included, studies will be…..

**Types of participants *(Population)***

Studies including…..

**Types of interventions**

**Types of outcome measures**

**Primary outcomes**

The primary outcome will be ….

**Secondary outcomes**

1.

2.

3.

**Search methods for identification of studies**

**Electronic searches**

We will identify studies via systematic searches of bibliographic databases including:

*(Please list database)*

We will search electronic data bases using the following terms

*(List likely keywords)*

We will/will not limit by date *(list date range\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

We will/will not limit by language

We will/will not include unpublished materials

**Appendix 5- Search Strategy – Grey Literature**

Grey literature search will be conducted as follows:

We will include  
\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_No - Clinical trial registries (Cochrane Central Register of controlled trials, controlled-trials.com and ClinicalTrials.gov) to identify recent and ongoing studies.

\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_No - Web of Science/Scopus searches of the sentinel paper5 from each of the reviews will be completed at the end of the searches to identify any additional potentially relevant studies.

\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_No - Google Scholar web search.

\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_No - Dissertations and Theses

\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_No - Hand searches of the most recent subject \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_conference abstracts associated with Canadian and research meetings to identify recently completed but not yet published studies. Please list relevant meetings:

\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_No - bibliographies from included studies, known reviews and text for additional citations.

**Does not have to be completed for Search Session**

**Data collection and analysis**

**Selection of studies**

How will you define inclusion/exclusion criteria?

Who/how many people will select from the complete title list?

Who/how many people will make the secondary selection?

How will you resolve disagreements?

**Data extraction and management**

How will you do your data extraction and data management?

**Assessment of risk of bias in included studies**

**Quality Assessment (Risk of Bias):**

How will you assess risk of bias?

**Interpretation of the Results:**

**References**

List relevant papers that you have already found: