

Systematic Reviews

Follow a structured process when conducting your literature review (whether systematic or other methodologically strong review e.g. scoping, rapid, umbrella, mixed methods etc). Manage each step systematically and transparently to ensure your review is replicable.

How can SCHI Library help with your review?

Preliminary *Has your review question already been answered?*

Avoid waste in research by first running a search for existing and in-process reviews on your topic. *Talk to the library* about which resources to use in your search and how to effectively search databases to retrieve existing and in-process reviews.

Step 1 *Conduct some initial searches*

Reading around the topic and becoming familiar with the terms that appear in the title and abstract of on-topic journal articles will help with creating a structured search strategy. *Ask the library* for suggestions on conducting a focused search to retrieve a few key papers to get you started.

Step 2 *Developing and running the structured search*

Learn some key skills in identifying strong searchable concepts, build familiarity with the language of searching and utilise the functionality of databases in this stage of your review. *Work with a librarian* to build your search strategy and translate it across databases.

Step 3 *Managing your search results*

Endnote is your friend. *Ask one of our librarians* for an introduction or refresher on Endnote. The library can show you some specific ways to use Endnote when conducting a review.

Step 4 *Obtaining papers*

Ask the library for help in obtaining full text pdfs. There are simple steps you can take to make this process more efficient. Some papers will be harder to obtain - *ask our library staff* for advice.

Publish *Where to publish your Review*

It is always a good idea to think about where you will publish your review before you start. There are tools to assist you in deciding where to publish - *ask the library staff* to point you to the tools that can help.

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