Methodical Literature Searching Strategy – Example

# Research question

**students?**

# ****Database search strategy****

***Table 1: A simple concept map (add more rows as required)***

| **Concept Set 1** | **Concept Set 2** | **Concept Set 3** |
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*Table 2: A version using PICO for health-based research* ***(add more rows as required)***

| **Population** | **Intervention** | **Comparator** | **Outcome** |
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# Databases selected

***(Add more rows as required)***

| **Database Name** | **Coverage, date range and size** |
| --- | --- |
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|  |  |

# ****Inclusion/exclusion criteria****

***(Add more rows as required)***

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **1** |  |
| **2** |  |
| **3** |  |

# Database search results

## ***(Add more rows as required)***

| **Search no.** | **Search Term** | **Results in database 1** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| S1 |  |  |
| S2 |  |  |
| S3 |  |  |
| S4 |  |  |
| S5 |  |  |
| S6 |  |  |
| S7 |  |  |
| S8 |  |  |
| S9 |  |  |
| S10 |  |  |

# Results following expanded searches, screening, and deduplication

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| **Database results after screening and deduplication** |  |
| **Results from 'citation searching', 'hand searching' and ‘grey literature’** |  |
| **Total results** |  |