Systematic Search of Existing Research Literature (Coordinator)

1. PubMed Database
2. Cochrane Systematic Reviews Database
3. Reference List, Hand Searches, recommended studies by content experts

Review Full Text Articles for Relevance to PEP (Coordinator)

Appropriate for PEP

Categorize article under most relevant Nature of Complaint and Intervention (Coordinator)

Send article to Primary Appraiser (Coordinator)

Appraiser to review and assign:
- Level of Evidence (I, II, III)
- Direction of Evidence (supportive, neutral, opposes)
- Primary Outcome

Hand search reference list for more articles to include in PEP (Appraisers)

Article is submitted back to PEP Coordinator (Appraisers)

Not appropriate for PEP

Hand search references for potential additions to PEP (Coordinator)

Send article to Senior Appraiser (Coordinator)

Senior Appraiser Team reviews initial appraisal

If both agree

Coordinator updates information to database/website

If there is a difference of opinion

The study is reviewed by Senior Editor Team

Coordinator updates information to database/website

Senior Editors review Intervention Recommendations in 3x3 Tables