

**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**

**Not appropriate for PEP**

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

Hand search references for potential additions to PEP (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

Send article to Senior Appraiser (Coordinator)

Senior Appraiser Team reviews initial appraisal

**If both agree**

**If there is a difference of opinion**

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

Coordinator updates information to database/website

The study is reviewed by Senior Editor Team

Article is submitted back to PEP Coordinator (Appraisers)

Coordinator updates information to database/website

Senior Editors review Intervention Recommendations in 3x3 Tables