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Conduct searches to clarify a problem using Table 1 (below) to document your work, then describe what you did when searching for research evidence to clarify a problem, what you found, and when you did it

Prompts to guide you

Search for research evidence that can be used to make comparisons that establish the magnitude of the problem you are considering, and to measure progress in addressing it.

As a reminder:

- Search PubMed for administrative database studies and community surveys if your problem (and its causes) relate to:
 - a risk factor, disease or condition
 - a program, service or drug
- Search Health Systems Evidence for systematic reviews of administrative database studies and community surveys (i.e., systematic reviews addressing other questions) if your problem (and its causes) relate to:
 - health system arrangements
 - degree of implementation of an agreed upon course of action

(and if unsuccessful, try PubMed)

*Note: if you forget how you described your problem (and its causes), you may need to refer to task sheet 2.

Your description of what you did, what you found and when you did it

Provide a description of what you did, what you found and when you did it below, and provide the details of the searches you conducted in each database to identify research evidence that can be used to make comparisons, using the tables below.

What you did

How many searches did you conduct in each database?

- PubMed
 - o process assessment search category:
 - o outcomes assessment search category:
- Health Systems Evidence:

What you found

How many relevant citations did you identify through your searches of each database?

- PubMed
 - o process assessment search category:
 - o outcomes assessment search category:
- Health Systems Evidence:

When you did it

Date searches were conducted:

Citation: Lavis JN. Finding and using research evidence: Clarifying a problem – Task 3: Problem search. Hamilton, Canada: McMaster Health Forum; 2014.

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Search for research evidence that can be used to determine how the problem you are considering can be framed (or described) in a way that will motivate different groups

As a reminder:

- Search PubMed for qualitative studies and community surveys if your problem (and its causes) relate to:
 - a risk factor, disease or condition
 - a program, service or drug
- Search Health Systems Evidence for systematic reviews of qualitative studies (i.e., systematic reviews addressing other questions) if your problem (and its causes) relate to:
 - health system arrangements
 - degree of implementation of an agreed upon course of action

(and if unsuccessful, try PubMed)

Provide a description of what you did, what you found and when you did it below, and provide the details of the searches you conducted in each database to identify research evidence to frame the problem, using the tables below.

What you did

How many searches did you conduct in each database?

- PubMed (qualitative research search category):
- Health Systems Evidence:

What you found

How many relevant citations did you identify through your searches of each database?

- PubMed (qualitative research search category):
- Health Systems Evidence:

When you did it

Date searches were conducted:

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Table 1: Summary of searches conducted to clarify a problem

Search	What did you search for?	What database did you search?	What search strategy did you use?	Number of results returned	Number of pages scrolled (or records reviewed)	Citations of relevant studies or reviews that were identified (or number identified with full citations listed below the table)	Date search was conducted
1	Enter either: • comparisons to establish the magnitude of the problem • framing that will motivate different groups	Enter either: • PubMed • Health Systems Evidence	 For PubMed, specify the search category used (process assessment, outcome assessment or qualitative research) and the combination of search terms entered For Health Systems Evidence, list the: governance, financial and delivery arrangement and implementation strategy topic categories searched, or search terms used and the fields that were searched, or search limits used 				
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