Knowledge Synthesis Decision Tool

This tool assists in making a decision about what type of review is right for you based on your research question(s) and the required parameters of each type of review. It is meant to be used with the comparison chart.

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Are you required to find all available evidence on a particular research topic? (i.e. to avoid biases, to create best-practice guideline, etc.)

- Yes
- No

Do you have 3 or more people to work on the review?

- Yes
- No

- More intensive reviews require a multi-person team for unbiased article screening. Single authors review could be problematic.

- Literature (Narrative) Review

- Reasons for doing a narrative review

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- Do you have a broad topic or multiple research questions?

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