



Examples of eligibility criteria for your protocol

Please note that not every piece of this document will be relevant for your review. It is not intended to serve as a fill in the blank for your protocol, but instead it is intended as a way to help you think through the needs and reasons for your eligibility criteria in advance of conducting your review.

Types of studies

This review will only consider randomized controlled trials (RCTs) that measure _____ (specific measure you have determined to establish effectiveness) for at least 6 months post-_____ (type of intervention). Published and unpublished data sets will be included when available. There will be no language or date restrictions.

Types of participants

Current and former ____ (condition, exp. people who have experienced or are experiencing cancer) between the ages of ____ (determine if you want to include an age range or if you want to look at all ages), and who participated in _____ (type of intervention), will be included. Studies or trials that include only _____ (population or subset population who might skew the results) will be excluded due to _____ (reason they would skew results).

Types of interventions

Interventions targeted toward _____ (the condition and/or population you want to study) that involve _____ (intervention type you are interested in, exp. mindfulness) will be included, but studies that include _____ (limitations on your intervention type, exp. hypnosis) will be excluded due to _____ (reason for this limitation). Only studies with a minimum duration of _____ will be considered. Wherever there may be debate about whether a particular intervention falls into _____ (your intervention type), a team of ____ screeners will discuss its eligibility for inclusion.

Eligible studies should include at least one of the following comparison (control) interventions:

- (List out possible controls)

Context

Only interventions conducted in _____ (particular setting, i.e. classroom) will be included. _____ (setting with different context, i.e. after school tutoring) will only be included if _____ (condition, i.e. if conducted on school grounds).

Studies will not be included if they occur in the following settings:

- (List out other possible settings that you do not wish to include, i.e. virtual learning)



Types of outcome measures

For this review, the primary outcome will be ____ (exp. smoking cessation after a specific time period). Only studies that show ____ (outcome) for at least ____ (time period) will be considered eligible. However, studies may be considered if they ____ (add potential exceptions and why exp. do they meet a certain standard). Studies that only measure ____ (lesser time frame and/or related, but not applicable outcome) will be excluded.

In studies that include multiple measures of ____ (primary outcome), the measure that ____ (is most valuable to your research) will be prioritized for analysis due to ____ (reason).

A secondary outcome will be ____ (exp. mental health). This outcome adds to our understanding by ____ (reason for focus on this outcome). In order to assess this outcome, we will use the following measures:

- (List relevant measures)

